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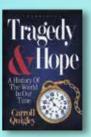


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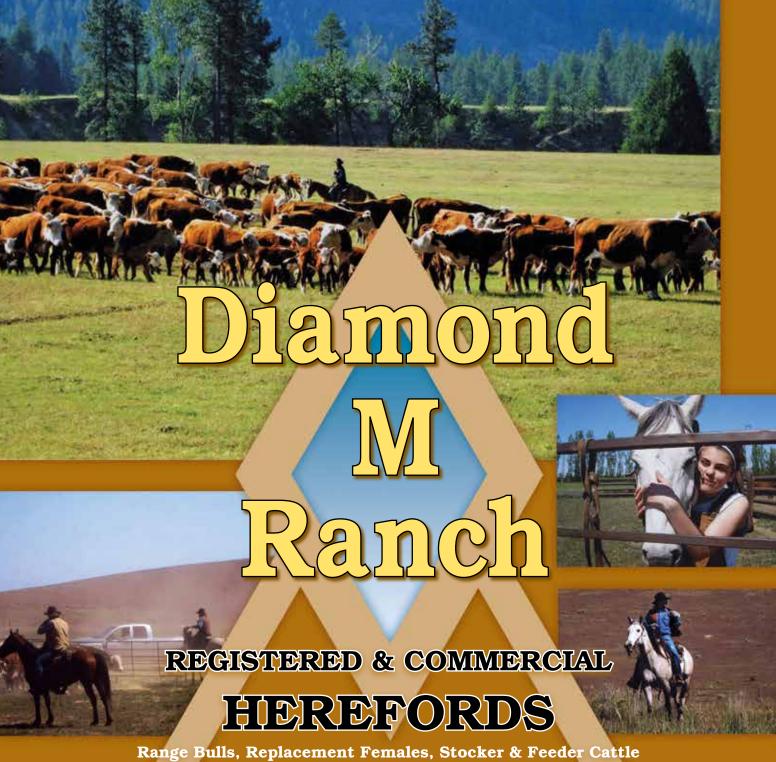
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#### **Likes Lincoln**

Concerning the book review entitled "Unpopular Problem," of the book *The Problem With Lincoln* by Thomas J. DiLorenzo, in the October 19, 2020 issue of TNA, I respond as a Lincoln scholar with an admitted admiration for our 16th president, yet with a desire for works on him to be historically accurate. The book reviewer Laurence Vance states that "most works about Lincoln are more hagiographical than historical," which would be true for those written in the 19th and early 20th centuries, but not since.

The problem with *The Problem With Lincoln* is that it is neither hagiographical nor historical. Let us review: In the 1860 election, four candidates ran, one of whom represented the Southern Democrats. Lincoln won. The same Democrats who validated that election by participating then launched a rebellion to cancel its result.

If anyone is to be blamed for the expansion of the government, it would be those who made that action necessary to preserve the Union. Note that Lincoln was assassinated and did not manage the Reconstruction policies that are more worthy of a critical review. I value books critical of Lincoln, but the DiLorenzo title must be classed among those that fail to criticize him where he would be open to a fair dose of such.

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#### **Dislikes Lincoln**

The book review "Unpopular Problem" presents many of the problems with Lincoln, showing he was far from a saint. But what I consider to be probably his biggest fault was preventing sovereign states from leaving the Union. I challenge anyone to find that section of the Constitution that states that a state cannot secede.

James Madison did not include such a clause because he believed the Constitution would not be ratified with that clause included. The states considered themselves to be separate entities. As the author points out, "United States" is plural. In fact, the Electoral College is in the Constitution because the individual states select the president.

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#### **Eliminating Social Security**

In the Letters to the Editor section in the July 20 issue, Howard Last makes the case to eliminate Social Security, as if that would take "Big Brother" out of our lives. Social Security was introduced during the Progressive, socialist FDR administration as a means of dividing American workers, as public workers exempted themselves from Social Security deductions and established a much better pension plan for "public servants."

Last also asks, "Anyone know which section of the Constitution authorizes Social Security?" I would suggest that it is the same section that authorizes public-servant pensions. When you find that one, please let me know. The constitutionally fatal flaw of Social Security is that it did not include all Americans: Greedy public servants consider themselves as more equal than you or me.

Last also tells us that he was self-employed, paying both sides of Social Security — the employer and the employee share. He also put an equal amount in private savings, from which he gets a 10-times higher return than from Social Security at 75.

I am 81 and have been paying into Social Security since 1953, and the bulk of my pension is from this source. And I don't live the life of a retired deputy sheriff from California.

This isn't the only constitutional violation by our public servants. The violations are many. Moreover, the Ninth and 10th Amendments are completely ignored by a socialist-minded Supreme Court with justices such as Roberts and Gorsuch, whose presence suggests that America gave up tar and feathers way too soon.

Equality is never practiced by anyone on the public payroll anymore, and justice is a distant dream. Progressive socialism has become a fifth column in our nation, and the civil war for our individual rights and personal freedom has begun all over again.

JIM DAVIS Prescott, Arizona

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### **INSIDE TRACK**

#### YouTube Hiring Software Engineers With Ties to Communist China

The presence at YouTube of a number of software engineers who have formerly worked for Chinese Communist Party-run institutions raises concerns about China's influence on a major American platform and, by extension, on American elections.

One software engineer who has worked at YouTube since May of 2019, Tai Jinjiang, formerly worked as a project manager for Guanghzou Shian Technology.

According to Jinjiang's LinkedIn page, his work for the Chinabased firm involved playing a "major role in successful PLA certification of ShiAn terminal by Ministry of Public Security, State Secrecy Bureau, and IT Evaluation Center."

PLA appears to refer to the People's Liberation Army, meaning the YouTube employee led software efforts on behalf of China's military and other government-led intelligence bodies. He even "garnered numerous staff awards for excellent performance."

Then there's Xiao Chen. Listed on LinkedIn as a software engineer at YouTube since November of 2020, he previously served as a research assistant at Sun Yat-Sen University.

Still another software engineer, Xifei Huang, has worked at YouTube since February 2014, despite having previously worked as a developer for Beijing-based Peking University. The university has seen its researchers sentenced by the FBI for theft of intellectual property and failing to disclose Chinese Communist Party (CCP) ties. It is controlled by the CCP.

Moreover, Peking University counts former and current party apparatchiks among its leadership. Its leader is a former head of the Beijing branch of China's spy agency.

Fan Yang, who has worked as a YouTube software engineer since April 2017, interned for China Telecom, labeled by the U.S. Department of Defense as collaborating with the Chinese military for over two decades.

Facebook and Twitter also have a record of hiring individuals with CCP ties. For its part, Facebook hired at least six Chinese nationals to help with improving its censorship algorithms on its Hate Speech Engineering team. Twitter earlier this year appointed Dr. Fei-Fei Li, a Stanford professor and former Google vice president linked with CCP projects, to the company's board as an "independent advisor."



#### **UN Says "Green Pandemic Recovery" Essential to Stop Climate Change**

The United Nations has officially jumped on COVID-19's back as it relates to climate change. A report released December 9 by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has concluded that a "green pandemic recovery" will be essential in holding a predicted rise in global temperature by the year 2100 to 2° C or less.

The report claims that a "green pandemic recovery" could cut worldwide greenhouse-gas emissions by 25 percent or more, which could get the planet on target to meet the goals set by the Paris Climate Agreement in 2015.

The annual Emissions Gap Report found that, despite a predicted seven-percent drop in greenhouse gas emissions in 2020

due to the pandemic, the Earth is still on pace for a 3° C temperature increase unless drastic action is taken, and quickly.

"However, if governments invest in climate action as part of pandemic recovery and solidify emerging net-zero commitments with strengthened pledges at the next climate meeting — taking place in Glasgow in November 2021 — they can bring emissions to levels broadly consistent with the 2°C goal," a UNEP press release states.

And if we're willing to give up even more of our freedoms, the news is even better.

The press release goes on: "By combining a green pandemic recovery with swift moves to include new net-zero commitments in updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement, and following up with rapid, stronger action, governments could still attain the more ambitious 1.5°C goal."

Some of the measures that the report suggests to reduce our carbon footprint include "direct support for zero-emissions technologies and infrastructure, reducing fossil fuel subsidies, and promoting nature based solutions — including large-scale landscape restoration and reforestation."

"Developed nations, in particular the wealthy, bear greatest responsibility. The combined emissions of the richest one percent of the global population account for more than the poorest 50 percent," the report declares.

"Consumption habits must change — not just to reduce climate change, but to address nature loss and pollution," the report concludes.

#### **BLM Divided Between National and Local Over Cullors' Power Grab**

Although BLM has generally bragged about being a grassroots movement (despite the fact that it has been financed by billionaire George Soros from the beginning) without a central hierarchy, its most prominent figures at the national level want to restructure it into a more traditional political organization, forming a political action committee and corporate partnerships, and adding a third organizing arm.

But these moves to turn BLM into a sleek political machine are rubbing local members the wrong way, resulting in mutiny.

Ten local chapters are cutting ties with the Black Lives Matter Global Network, the name of the national leadership.

In particular, the rebellious chapters are incensed that Patrisse Cullors, the only one of BLM's co-founders to still be officially involved with the organization, named herself executive director of the national leadership without input from the local chapters.

"We became chapters of Black Lives Matter as radical Black organizers embracing a collective vision for Black people engaging in the protracted struggle for our lives against police terrorism," the 10 disaffected chapters wrote in an open letter in early December. "With a willingness to do hard work that would put us at risk, we expected that the central organizational entity ... would support us chapters in our efforts to build communally."

Referring to themselves as the #BLM10, the chapters put forth a list of a half-dozen contention points and grievances — among them Cullors' alleged power grab.

They also accuse the national leadership of lacking trans-

parency over money raised and how chapters can get a piece of it, with complaints that local chapters have received little funding since the organization began in 2013.

A private discussion with Cullors didn't satisfy their concerns. "We didn't have an opportunity to agree to discuss. Nothing," said Yahné Ndgo, a lead organizer with Black Lives Matter Philadelphia. "So then we ask questions, and we are told no answers."



#### **China Editing Genes to Create Superhuman Soldiers**

The legatees of mass-murderer Mao Tse-tung are fiddling with the human genome to create an army of super soldiers, Director of National Intelligence John Ratcliffe wrote in the Wall Street Journal on December 3.

Ratcliffe's alarming news reprises a frightening account about mad Chinese scientists published last year by the Jamestown Foundation, which in turn riffed off MIT's report of China's creating super dogs for the police and military.

Ratcliffe described just how dangerous the Chinese have become because Chinese "students" study here and Chinese "entrepreneurs" have established a major beachhead in our economy.

But he also noted China's disregard for normative ethics and morals means it will do anything to achieve global domination. "U.S. intelligence shows that China has even conducted human testing on members of the People's Liberation Army in hope of developing soldiers with biologically enhanced capabilities," he wrote. "There are no ethical boundaries to Beijing's pursuit of power."

Citing China's media, the Jamestown Foundation reported last year that "Chinese military scientists and strategists have consistently emphasized that biotechnology could become a 'new strategic commanding heights of the future Revolution in Military Affairs."

That report cites the MIT Technology Review, which divulged in 2015 that China had created a heavily muscled beagle named Hercules.

"The first humans to be subject to genetic engineering were also born in China as a result of the research of He Jianqui," Elsa Kania and Wilson VornDick reported for Jamestown. "He removed the gene CCR5 to give twin babies immunity to HIV."

Yet even if an army of remorseless Chinese Terminators isn't ready to attack just yet, "Beijing intends to dominate the U.S. and the rest of the planet economically, militarily and technologically," Ratcliffe wrote.

China's approach to "trade" and "investment" is really "economic espionage" — "rob, replicate and replace."

Ratcliffe also explained that China has targeted "several dozen members of Congress and congressional aides" in a major "influence campaign."



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### EXTENDED INSIDE TRACK

#### **Pope Joins Rothschilds and Megabanks for "Inclusive Capitalism"**

pope Francis and the Vatican are doubling down on the Deep State push for globalism and technocracy, forming a highly controversial coalition for "Inclusive Capitalism" that brings together crony megabanks, Big Business, the United Nations, the Rothschild banking dynasty, the Rockefeller Foundation, and other key institutions of the global elite. Critics blasted and mocked the scheme.

The goal, according to the alliance, is to "evolve" capitalism to become more "inclusive" and "sustainable." This includes helping to achieve the widely criticized United Nations Agenda 2030 "Sustainable Development Goals" (SDGs) that would usher in a technocratic system of global governance. In short, the New World Order agenda is getting a major boost from leaders of one of the world's major religions.

Under a true free-market system, businesses seek to earn profit for their owners

by best satisfying the needs and wants of customers. This ensures fair prices and high quality. With "inclusive capitalism," however, global elites and their technocratic administrators — very much including those in this new coalition — establish various other goals and objectives including "environmental," "social," and so on. In short, "inclusive capitalism" is not actually capitalism.

According to a press release about the new scheme, the Vatican partnership puts members of the group — some of the largest and most powerful economic actors on the planet — "under the moral guidance" of longtime critic of capitalism Pope Francis and the Vatican he leads. Cardinal Turkson, who runs the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, would serve as the pope's emissary in guiding the new alliance.

Each year, the leaders of the organizations and firms involved will meet with the pope to advance the council's mission. "What is needed is a fundamental renewal of hearts and minds so that the human person may always be placed at the center of social, cultural and economic life," said Francis, without elaborating on what exactly that would entail.

Known as the "Council for Inclusive Capitalism with the Vatican," the alliance will include leaders from organizations claiming to represent more than \$10.5 trillion under management, \$2.1 trillion in market capitalization, 200 million workers, and offices spread across 163 countries. Some of the most powerful firms, banks, and foundations on Earth are represented.

In all, there are 27 "Guardians of Inclusive Capitalism" so far. The list includes more than a few that have long promoted homosexuality, transgenderism, abortion, race-mongering, and other sins completely at odds with Catholic teachings and biblical morality. Among them: leaders of the UN, Visa, Bank of



America, Johnson & Johnson, BP, MasterCard, Salesforce, the State of California, the Ford Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, and more.

Also at the helm of the scheme alongside Francis is Lynn Forester de Rothschild, a member of the ultra-wealthy banking dynasty who serves as the managing partner of "Inclusive Capital Partners." To get a sense of the family's influence, consider that the Rothschild banking dynasty funded totalitarian George Soros early on through the Banque Privee in Geneva, Switzerland.

"This Council will follow the warning from Pope Francis to listen to 'the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor' and answer society's demands for a more equitable and sustainable model of growth," Rothschild said about the new scheme, claiming "capitalism" has "left too many people behind, led to degradation of our planet, and is not widely trusted in society."

Among the schemes of the new Rothschild-Francis-megabank-CEO-UN coalition will be the pursuit not just of "equality of opportunity," but "equitable outcomes," the council's website explains. Of course, aside from equality under the law, which has long been established in the United States and other Western nations, free people can never be equal, and equal people can never be free.

The global push to finish off what remains of the free market should alarm every sensible person who values individual freedom, property rights, prosperity, opportunity, and the blessings of the free-enterprise system. With governments lawlessly bankrupting small businesses while showering trillions of tax dollars on large crony corporations under the guise of COVID-19, there is an unprecedented urgency if Americans are going to successfully resist. The time to get involved is now.

#### **Newly Elected House Member Registers Strong Opposition to Compulsory Masks**

"Our first session of New Member Orientation covered COVID in Congress. I proudly told my colleagues that masks are oppressive. In Georgia, we work out, shop, go to restaurants, go to work, and go to school without masks. It's my body, my choice."

One of several conservative women who won seats in Congress in November, Georgia's Marjorie Taylor Greene denounced the campaign to require wearing masks everywhere.



#### **Federal Judge Orders Restoration of** DACA for More Than a Million Young Immigrants

"This is really a big day for those seeking to remain in the U.S. It opens the door for more than a million immigrant youth who have been unfairly denied their chance to apply for DACA."

An initiative launched by the Obama administration, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), seeks to open the door for benefits and jobs for more than a million young non-citizen immigrants. President Trump terminated the program, but federal Judge Nicholas Garaufis ordered it restarted. Former Vice President Joe Biden has vowed to fully restore the program if he becomes our

> nation's president. Justice Action Center Director Karen Tumlin, an obvious leftist, eagerly applauded the judge's ruling and the Biden stance.



#### **Ocasio-Cortez Is Proud of Her Progressivism**

"I chose to run for reelection because I felt like I had to prove that this [progressive] movement was real. That it wasn't a fluke. That people really want guaranteed health care and people really want the Democratic Party to fight for them."

Some Democrats in Congress have expressed concern that the radical stances taken by "progressive" lawmakers may explain why their party did not score better in the recent congressional elections. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and her hard-left colleagues have been forced to defend their left-wing radicalism.

#### **Left-wing Expert Endorses Continued Mask Wearing**

"The new normal will be continued masking for the next 12 to 18 months and possibly the next few years. This is a paradigm shift."

So says Roberta Bruhn, who is the co-director of Vitalant Research Institute, a San Francisco-based research center and supplier of blood to hospitals. Of course, many Americans strongly disagree with the supposed need for wearing masks, but something we can all agree on is that this "new normal" really would be a huge "paradigm shift."

#### A Transplant From California, She Urges Others to Do Likewise

"Move2TX is her customized license plate."

Now residing in a community north of Dallas, Marie Bailey says she misses only Disneyland and family. But she is delighted with her decision to relocate to Texas three years ago. She started a real estate business focused solely on bringing Californians to Texas. She even obtained a unique personalized license plate for her auto that drew attention from Texas media.

#### **Chinese Authorities Continue** Crackdown on Hong Kong's Pro-freedom Movement

"Beijing's unrelenting assault against Hong Kong's democratic processes has gutted its Legislative Council, rendering the body a rubber stamp devoid of meaningful opposition. Today, the U.S. Department of State is holding accountable those responsible for these brazen acts."

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced the imposition of travel bans and other sanctions on 14 high-level Communist Chinese officials in the wake of a new wave of crackdowns on Hong Kong's pro-democracy leaders.

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Globalists' "Great Reset," which is being pushed as part of the COVID scare, gives new meaning to "Don't worry, be happy." Under it, government owns all and provides all.

#### by Alex Newman

In the not-too-distant future, you will own absolutely nothing, but you will like it and "be happy," according to the totalitarians and Deep State globalists pushing what they call the "Great Reset." You will also have no privacy, they say. Everything will change. And yet, somehow, the advocates of this communistic-feudalistic vision of the future — the World Economic Forum (WEF), the United Nations (UN), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the British royal family, and more — have decreed that "you'll be happy." Even leftists are freaking out.

After peddling coronavirus lockdowns that crushed the economy and funding riots that terrorized the public under the guise of fighting "systemic racism," Deep State globalists are stepping in to offer their proposed "solution" to the crises they themselves unleashed. Meet the "Great Reset," the globalist pipe dream that aims to transform the world and everything in it, supposedly for the benefit of the masses but really for the benefit of the ruling classes. It will involve an entirely new "social contract," too, its architects say. However, the ideas are not new at all. In fact, aside from the techno-babble, they have plagued humanity for centuries.

The Great Reset scheme was announced over the summer. Right away, top leaders of Big Business, Big Globalism, and Big Government worldwide — including massmurdering communist tyrants — jumped on the bandwagon. However, aside from THE NEW AMERICAN magazine, which warned about it last summer shortly after it was announced, almost no U.S. media even mentioned it. Some especially silly propagandists continue to claim it's a "baseless conspiracy theory" even as its proponents shout about it from the rooftops. But as more and more "alternative" outlets start exposing the agenda, resistance has been growing across America and worldwide.

#### **Everything Must Change**

The brainchild of the World Economic Forum, a globalist group of powerful

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"Every country, from the United States to China, must participate, and every industry, from oil and gas to tech, must be transformed," added Schwab, calling for even "stronger and more effective" government.



**Economically sound?** World Economic Forum chief Klaus Schwab is the primary frontman for the Deep State's "Great Reset" dream of global feudalism. A WEF video stated that the goal is to take away individual ownership of all property and place it in the hands of a world government.

Deep State elites that meets every year in the Swiss ski-resort town of Davos, the "Great Reset" aims to fundamentally reengineer industries, societies, education, agriculture, relationships, and even human beings. Its advocates are openly saying as much, with WEF boss Klaus Schwab declaring that "all aspects of our societies and economies" need to be "revamped." Even "our thinking and behavior" will have to dramatically shift, he said. A WEF statement marketing the controversial scheme also calls for a "new social contract" centered on "social justice."

"Every country, from the United States to China, must participate, and every industry, from oil and gas to tech, must be transformed," added Schwab, calling for even "stronger and more effective" government, without explaining what might happen to those that refuse. "We must build entirely new foundations for our economic and social systems." And there is no other choice but to submit, he and others declared.

In his book on COVID and the Great Reset, Schwab also vowed that life would "never" return to "normal." "The world as we knew it in the early months of 2020 is no more, dissolved in the context of the pandemic," he said, adding that the looming changes are so huge that some are now speaking of "before coronavirus" (BC) and "after coronavirus" (AC) eras.

The changes will be systemic. "The COVID19 crisis has shown us that our old systems are not fit anymore for the 21st century," Schwab declared in his speech unveiling the Great Reset in June. Beyond just social systems, Schwab also called a

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**Thinking it through:** United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres, who led the Socialist International before taking over the UN, is a key booster of the Great Reset. But does it seem wise that Americans give power to a world government mainly made up of totalitarian rulers?

change in "mindsets" the "most important" issue. "We have to ... bring our thinking and behavior once more into harmony with nature," he said. Read that again: Even your thinking and behavior is in the global elites' cross hairs. "Now is the historical moment — the time — not only to fight the virus, but to shape the system for the post-corona era," he added.

While the Great Reset is being framed by Schwab and other proponents as a response to the coronavirus, the moderator of the Great Reset event admitted that the WEF founder had been working on the agenda "for many decades." Schwab did not protest that assertion. And judging by the enormous amount of work that went into this — including the "strategic intelligence" program — it is clear

that this has been in the works for quite some time.

Schwab's vision for the "Fourth Industrial Revolution," a key component of the Great Reset that involves merging man and machine (see transhumanism article on page 18), will be a "revolution" that will "fundamentally alter the way we live, work, and relate to one another." The transformation, he continued, would be "unlike anything humankind has experienced before," bringing together "all stakeholders of the global polity."

A slick video about the looming "Great Reset" offers a creepy glimpse into what the globalists are planning. "Changing our current trajectory will require bold and imaginative action, together with determination and decisive leadership," declared Prince Charles, whose family is currently embroiled in the Jeffrey Epstein child-sex-trafficking scandal, as he narrated the two-minute video. "We need to evolve our economic model.... We need nothing short of a paradigm shift, one that inspires action at revolutionary levels and pace. We simply cannot waste any more time."

While Charles is a fervent advocate of population control, his father, Prince Philip, was even more blunt, famously expressing his desire to kill large numbers of people. "In the event that I am reincarnated, I would like to return as a deadly virus, to contribute something to solving overpopulation," he said. This dangerous anti-human, anti-God, anti-life attitude is widespread among the elites, especially those involved in pushing the Great Reset.

#### **Business & Economic Changes**

Business and economic changes will be massive, explained WEF chief Schwab. "The Great Reset will require us to integrate all stakeholders of global society into a community of common interest, purpose and action," said the globalist front-man who runs the WEF. "We need a change of mindset, moving from short-term to long-term thinking, moving from shareholder capitalism to stakeholder responsibility. Environmental, social and good governance have to be a measured part of corporate and governmental accountability."

In short, what remains of the tattered free-market system is set to be tossed out — along with the vibrant middle class it sustained. In its place will rise technocratic governance based on nebulous "social" and "environmental" goals set by the technocrats-turned-central-planners. This agenda is not new. In fact, THE NEW AMERICAN warned in a June 25, 2013 online article about a Rockefeller-funded plot to have states create new entities known as "benefit corporations" that would get tax breaks, government contracts, and other subsidies for pursuing sustainability, social justice, environmentalism, social responsibility, and other alleged "public benefits." The new goals would be determined by the elites, instead of simply allowing companies to earn a profit for shareholders by best satisfying the needs and desires of customers.

In 2014, the Rothschild banking dynasty and the Rockefeller Foundation spon-

sored a summit in London on "Inclusive Capitalism." Including Prince Charles, then-IMF chief Christine Lagarde, former U.S. President Bill Clinton, Bank of England boss Mark Carney, former U.S. Treasury Secretary Larry Summers, top CEOs, pension-fund bosses, and more, attendees reportedly represented about one-third of the world's wealth. Quoting Karl Marx about capitalism supposedly carrying "the seeds of its own destruction," IMF boss Lagarde called for global wealth redistribution, more taxes, and more government. At the top of the agenda was getting companies to put shareholder interests aside in favor of the same nebulous "environmental" and "social" responsibilities aligned with draconian UN visions of "sustainable development."

That was years ago. Now, under the "Great Reset" slogan and other marketing gimmicks such as "Build Back Better," the very same globalists are exploiting coronavirus to advance the very same agenda out of the wreckage they created.

#### **UN Collectivism & Globalism**

The UN will play a critical role in the transformation globalists envision. Indeed, the agenda is outlined clearly in key UN agreements that are serving as the foundation of the emerging New World Order.

In UN Agenda 2030, also known as the "Sustainable Development Goals," every national government and dictatorship on Earth agreed to dictates eerily similar to those pushed under the Great Reset. In Goal 10, for instance, the UN and its members pledge to "reduce inequality within and among countries." That, the agreement continues, will "only be possible if wealth is shared and income inequality is addressed."

As the UN document also makes clear, national socialism to "combat inequality" domestically is not enough — international socialism is needed to battle inequality even "among" countries. "By 2030, ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources," the document demands, sounding suspiciously like the WEF "Great Reset" manifesto (and the Communist Manifesto). The UN document also calls on government to seize control over "production and consumption." It prescribes government-controlled healthcare systems for all, too.

Perhaps most importantly, it demands that children be "educated" to the point that they do not just agree with the ideology underpinning the scheme, but are actually prepared to "promote" it. Goal 4 — "education" — will be the key to

achieving all the others, as the UN has admitted on many occasions. In Chapter 36 of UN Agenda 21, an earlier UN sustainability agreement signed by every government on Earth, the document says "education" will be "indispensable" to changing people's attitudes.

It is no surprise that the "Great Reset" mirrors the UN agenda so closely. In fact, last year, the WEF inked a "Strategic Partnership Framework" deal with the UN designed to facilitate the imposition of Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals on humanity. "Meeting the Sustainable Development Goals is essential for the future of humanity," explained Schwab at the time. "The World Economic Forum is committed to supporting this effort, and working with the United Nations to build a more prosperous and equitable future." The head of the UN — socialist leader António Guterres — celebrated how the partnership would bring the private sector on board.

Communist leaders, including members of the mass-murdering Communist Party of China, are now openly joining forces with crony-capitalist bigwigs and Big Business CEOs to push the scheme. Guterres, the former chief of the Socialist International alliance of socialist and Marxist parties, also proudly lent the UN's support to the WEF's "Great Reset" agenda. "The Great Reset is a welcome recognition that this human tragedy must be a wake-up call," Guterres said in his remarks about the scheme that were posted on the WEF's website. "We must build more equal, inclusive and sustainable economies and societies that are more resilient in the face of pandemics, climate change and the many other global changes we face."

The IMF is also a key player. IMF boss Kristalina Georgieva boasted of the "very massive fiscal stimulus" being "injected" into the global economy. This massive infusion of cash looted from humanity must be used to forcibly restructure the economy so it can be rebuilt "greener" and "smarter" and "more fairer" (sic) in the future. For instance, she said governments and international organizations could put in place "incentives" such as "carbon prices" to force companies to do what the globalist establishment wants. "Carbon prices," of course, is code for



**Your money is their money:** International Monetary Fund boss Kristalina Georgieva of Bulgaria is another key backer of the Great Reset, along with the IMF. Under a global government, we can expect a cashless society, so government can not only monitor our spending, but control it.

literally taxing the gas exhaled by human beings, CO<sub>2</sub>. She also demanded more government "social programs" to "take care of people."

#### **Communist Tyrants and WEF Unite**

The mass-murdering regime enslaving Communist China played a "crucial role" in developing Agenda 2030, as Beijing's propaganda organs boasted after it was signed. Not surprisingly, the dictatorship literally the most murderous government in human history — is also playing a growing role within the WEF. At the 2017 WEF meeting in Davos, Deep State globalists were tripping over themselves to shower praises on Communist Chinese dictator Xi Jinping, who served as the keynote speaker. With President Trump in the White House throwing a monkey wrench in the gears of the globalist machinery, the mass-murdering tyrant — whose government has more than one million Muslims in reeducation camps and snatches citi-

zens off the street to torture, kill, and harvest organs from — was portrayed as the new defender of the "liberal world order." The rise to prominence of Beijing has long been part of the globalist plan.

Beijing's minions are set to play a key role in shaping the "Great Reset," too. Indeed, one of the handful of carefully selected speakers and boosters for the Great Reset was Communist Chinese operative Ma Jun, chairman of the "Green Finance Committee" and a bigwig at the People's Bank of China. In his remarks on the Great Reset, Ma emphasized "green" over and over again, calling for "green" stimulus and a "green" economy directed by "green" incentives, employment schemes, subsidies, and more.

UN, communist, and globalist leaders have all started using the term "green economy" almost interchangeably with a totalitarian-technocratic system of global governance. Even in America this is true. Obama's "Green Jobs" czar Van Jones, for instance, was forced to resign when his revolutionary Maoist views became well known. And the "Green New

Deal," which closely mirrors the Great Reset scheme, is transparently a recipe for global tyranny and massive poverty.

In case there was any doubt about what the global system will demand of individuals, Schwab again put it to rest. "A Great Reset is necessary to build a new social contract," continued Schwab, using rhetoric to build support for the very policies that always and everywhere strip individuals of their dignity and free agency. "The global health crisis has laid bare the unsustainability of our old system in terms of social cohesion, the lack of equal opportunities and inclusiveness."

"COVID-19 has accelerated our transition into the age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution," Schwab said in his remarks about the Great Reset posted on the WEF website. "We have to make sure that the new technologies in the digital, biological and physical world remain human-centered and serve society as a whole, providing everyone with fair access."

**Yeah, let's have him lead!** Communist Chinese Party operative Ma Jun, who helps lead the murderous regime's central bank and its "green" schemes, was a speaker when the Great Reset was unveiled.

Interestingly, the notion that under free markets everything serves "capital," and under collectivism everything serves "society as a whole, providing everyone with fair access," is straight out of the Marxist playbook.

#### Others in Attendance Reveal Much

A brief look at the other key players reveals a great deal as well. The first of nine names on the list of less-notable speakers (excluding the heads of the UN, IMF, and WEF, and Prince Charles) is Victoria Alonsoperez, with a company called "Chipsafer." The firm makes implantable microchips that transmit data on the location of, as well as physiological changes in, cattle — at least for now. Not surprisingly, more than a few government and corporate bigwigs associated with WEF, the UN, and the move toward technocracy have openly called for microchipping humans, too. It is already happening in some parts of the world. (See the article on page

18 for more on the coming push to implant such technology in people.)

Other "stakeholders" involved in the scheme include the CEO of Mastercard, a company that is funding Deep State efforts to eliminate cash in a move toward a cashless society. The president of Microsoft, which recently filed patent WO2020-060606 for implantable cryptocurrency technology, is also a key booster. Also leading the charge was the head of the enviro-fascist group Greenpeace. a group whose co-founder Patrick Moore has rejected it for its anti-human, anti-science fanaticism. Disgraced "climate" guru Al Gore, who serves on the WEF board, is also shilling for the Great Reset, along with Skull and Bones member John Kerry.

### Neo-Feudalism: Abolishing Property and Privacy

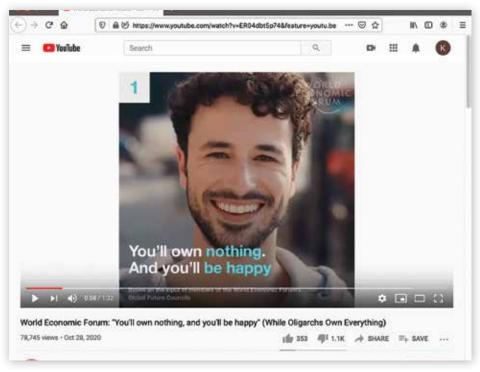
Abolition of private-property rights for the general public is a key part of the agenda. Indeed, in a propaganda video posted on the World Economic Forum's social-media accounts, the powerful globalist organization offers what it describes as "8 predictions for the world in 2030." The very first statement declares: "You'll own nothing, and you'll be happy." It claims these predictions are based on "input" from "members of the World Economic Forum's Global Future Councils."

Then comes the first forecast. Instead of owning property and the necessities of life, the WEF video declares, "you'll rent." Apparently "whatever you want" will be magically "delivered by drone." Everything except meat, since the video goes on to predict that "you'll eat much less meat" for the benefit of the planet. Incidentally, as part of its "Great Reset" agenda, the WEF has also been peddling the disgusting notion that you must eat bugs, weeds, and seaweed instead of normal food — all to save the "climate" from the gas of life (CO<sub>2</sub>). (See article on page 21.)

Moreover, the video claims, a billion people will migrate from Third World nations to settle in the West owing to alleged man-made "climate change." Westerners must welcome these "refugees," it adds. All of this is aimed at what Barack Obama described as "fundamentally transforming" the United States and other nations.

The WEF video on the property-less, borderless future was hardly a one-time anomaly. In fact, in a post on the WEF website by Danish Parliamentarian Ida Auken, the globalist dream of a world in which none of the plebs owns property was once again trumpeted. "Welcome to the year 2030," Auken writes. "I don't own anything. I don't own a car. I don't own a house. I don't own any appliances or any clothes. It might seem odd to you, but it makes perfect sense for us in this city."

Sounding like livestock that can talk, and forgetting that the farm animals will eventually be sheared or even slaughtered by those taking care of them, Auken gushes about how her generous overlords now give her everything she needs for free. "We have access to transportation, accommodation, food and all the things we need in our daily lives," the WEF piece continues. "In our city we don't pay any rent, because someone else is using our free space whenever we do not need it. My



**Will government really supply all you want?** According to the World Economic Forum's "predictions," by 2030, you will be a serf who owns nothing, but you will apparently like it, too.

living room is used for business meetings when I am not there." Privacy will be a thing of the past, too, Auken admits.

As word spread about the WEF agenda, there was massive public outrage world-wide and intense scrutiny of the radical statements promoting an end to private property and privacy. And so, the WEF appears to have pulled the English version of its video, though the Spanish one is still up on its YouTube channel. It also put a small disclaimer on the post from Auken describing it as a mere "scenario showing where we could be heading," one intended to "start a discussion."

The UN, which is a key part of the Great Reset, has been at the forefront of the war on private-property rights for decades. Sometimes, the UN, its member regimes, and its agencies even come out and express their hostility to private-property rights openly. A prime example came in 1976 when UN Habitat declared war on private land ownership. "Land ... cannot be treated as an ordinary asset, controlled by individuals and subject to the pressures and inefficiencies of the market," the UN

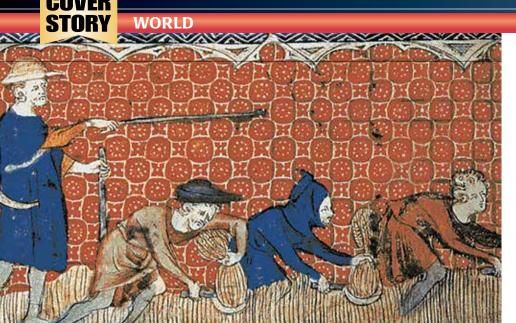
said in item 10 of its agenda following the UN Habitat I summit. "Private land ownership is also a principal instrument of accumulation and concentration of wealth and therefore contributes to social injustice; if unchecked, it may become a major obstacle in the planning and implementation of development schemes. Public control of land use is therefore indispensable."

#### Long-term Objectives Outlined Decades Ago

Of course, the agenda to strip humanity of even basic God-given rights such as the ability to own property is not new. Over the last century, well over 100 million people were slaughtered by their own communist and socialist overlords as those regimes sought to centralize control in the hands of the elites over all property and resources. In the Western world, some of the most powerful individuals of the last century have been working toward that goal on a global scale, too.

In his 1966 book *Tragedy and Hope*, Georgetown University historian Carroll Quigley described a shadowy network of

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When the past becomes the present: While the World Economic Forum is trying to sell the idea of a world with no property rights for most people, trying to make the idea seem hip and modern, feudalism has a long history. It was often brutal for the serf class, but the ruling class fared quite well. (Illustration circa 1310.)

individuals behind the scenes and their effort to build a one-world system with themselves in charge. Quigley, a mentor to former President Clinton, said he agreed with most of the goals. He even boasted of being close to the network, which often worked with communists, for decades, and of having the opportunity to examine its secret documents for a period of years. Then he spilled the beans in the explosive book.

"The powers of financial capitalism had another far reaching aim, nothing less than to create a world system of financial control in private hands able to dominate the political system of each country and the economy of the world as a whole," Quigley explained. "This system was to be controlled in *feudalist* fashion by the central banks of the world acting in concert by secret agreements arrived at in frequent and private meetings and conferences." (Emphasis added.)

Quigley's reference to feudalism is critical to understanding the Great Reset. Under the feudalist system, only the ruling elites — kings, lords, barons, and so on — were permitted to own land and property. The serf class — everyone else — merely "rented" land, homes, equip-

ment, capital, and so on from their overlords. Whatever their lords demanded, from military service and crops to children, had to be handed over on demand, otherwise the serf could be forced off the land he was "renting." As previous government responses to COVID-19 ravage the middle class and boost crony megabusinesses such as Amazon, the new serf class is quickly emerging in America and worldwide.

According to Quigley, the "apex" of the global feudalist system was to be the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), a scandal-plagued institution that came completely under the control of Adolf Hitler's National Socialists (Nazis) for a time. Quigley described the BIS as "a private bank owned and controlled by the world's central banks which were themselves private corporations." But even the

powerful central bank chiefs are not the true power behind the throne, Quigley revealed.

"It must not be felt that these heads of the world's chief central banks were themselves substantive powers in world finance. They were not," the wanna-be member of the global elite explained in his book. "Rather, they were the technicians and agents of the dominant investment bankers of their own countries, who had raised them up and were perfectly capable of throwing them down." In short, the central bank bosses were mere technocrats serving their own masters.

Quigley's observations — along with contemporary realities involving global elites stashing their vast wealth in tax-exempt foundations — offer powerful evidence that the elites pushing the elimination of private ownership do not intend to surrender their own property. In fact, like the monarchs, barons, and lords of feudal societies past, they intend to centralize control in their own hands over all property and resources. You will own nothing. You will be a serf. They will be your masters.

#### **America and Humanity Must Resist**

Accomplishing the Great Reset on a worldwide level will require eliminating or discrediting the American system of God-given rights protected by government. And thus, other WEF predictions include the United States losing its status as the leading superpower, with a new order featuring "a handful of countries" that will "dominate" taking its place. Indeed, the engineered process of displacing America in favor of what globalists and communists call the "multi-polar world order" has been under way for years, with help from American elites. In David Rockefeller's book Memoirs, he admitted he is part of a secret cabal working to destroy the United States and create a new world order. Here is the direct quote from his book, pg 405:

Some even believe we [the Rockefeller family] are part of a secret



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cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as 'internationalists' and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure — one world, if you will. If that's the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it.

That is accelerating now. Even "Western values" will be "tested to the breaking point," the WEF video says.

The finer details of the "Great Reset" are still being worked out, and will be discussed in a series of "virtual" meetings in the run-up to the annual WEF in Davos in January of 2021. Judging from the brutal comments under the WEF promo video peddling the "Great Reset" though — many of which blasted the scheme as a satanic ploy for a new world order that would face massive resistance — the globalist elites have a long way to go in making its case. To push it, expect more fearmongering from the elites on climate, disease, terror, and more. The big push

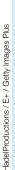
will likely come amid economic, monetary, social, agricultural, and cultural crises.

Fortunately, prominent critics are exposing and ridiculing the Great Reset. "We should not succumb to the quixotic (and totally unrealistic) notion that a few super smart people at the WEF (or any world organization) could press a society reset button, so that seven billion people could magically thrive under a new world order that their brilliant minds concocted," quipped Chris Talgo with the Heartland Institute in one of several early pieces mocking the Great Reset Initiative. "As humans, we have barely enough wisdom and foresight to keep our own lives in order." He called on humanity to resist the Great Reset agenda for global government "at all costs." Since then, opposition to the plan has exploded, even reaching "mainstream" supposedly "conservative" outlets such as Fox News.

Still, the "Great Reset" agenda is being pushed by some of the most powerful organizations in the world. And it is a clear and present danger to the life, liberty, and property of almost every person on the planet. In fact, it is practically a declaration of war on America's constitutional republic and the fundamental rights of every American. But defeating the agenda is not impossible. Exposing its architects and their plan will be crucial. Then, withdrawal from the UN and the IMF, alongside a restoration of sound money and constitutional protections, can help protect America from these totalitarian schemes.

American patriots who love their nation, self-government, the Constitution, and individual liberty will undoubtedly resist. People of faith who believe the Bible and the principles contained within it will, too. The question now is whether the globalists will be able to deceive and manipulate enough people into giving up their freedom in exchange for dishonest promises of "peace" and "safety" that will never be fulfilled. The answer should become clearer soon. Time is obviously in short supply for those who seek to stop it. Now is the time to get to work.





only does government need to monitor everyone, but people should also be implanted with tech to track them and control their money and their thoughts.

As part of the response to COVID, globalists say, not

"GREAT RESET" TRANSHUMANISM:

Merging Man & Machine

#### by Alex Newman

I nder the new world order envisioned by the proponents of the United Nations-backed "Great Reset," humans will be merged with machines and technology. Literally. Perhaps most incredibly, the Deep State globalists behind the efforts are coming out of the closet. These days, they are openly and literally proclaiming their intention to abolish private ownership of property and even fuse microchips into people's brains that will be able to read and manipulate individuals' thoughts.

Just last year, the schemes peddled under the "Great Reset" banner would have been dismissed as "crazy conspiracy theories." Today, top globalists such as World Economic Forum boss Klaus Schwab, UN chief (and socialist leader) António Guterres, IMF leader Kristalina Georgieva, and others are trumpeting their agenda from the rooftops. World leaders such as far-left Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau are doing it too,

despite frantic efforts by the fake media to downplay the significance.

As THE NEW AMERICAN reported in the summer of 2020, shortly after the "Great Reset" agenda was unveiled, there are many elements to the plot. Everything must change, from education and business to the global economy and governance, Great Reset advocates declared during the summit announcing the scheme. However, one area that has not received nearly as much attention is the plan to fuse human beings with technology under the guise of "improving" mankind.

WEF chief Schwab, the chief marketer of the Great Reset who recently released a book with that title, has proclaimed that a key element of the "reset" will be the "Fourth Industrial Revolution." And in very public statements, he has explained what this means: merging man with machines. "What the fourth industrial revolution will lead to is a fusion of our physical, digital and biological identity," Schwab explained in a speech to the Chicago Council on Global Affairs.

Schwab, whose accent and demeanor make him appear to be almost a caricature of some evil cartoon villain, even wrote a book on the subject in 2016 entitled *Shaping the Future of the Fourth Industrial Revolution*. In it, the globalist schemer explains how looming technological changes will allow governments to "intrude into the hitherto private space of our minds, reading our thoughts and influencing our behavior."

"Fourth Industrial Revolution technologies will not stop at becoming part of the physical world around us — they will become part of us," continued Schwab. "Indeed, some of us already feel that our smartphones have become an extension of ourselves. Today's external devices — from wearable computers to virtual reality headsets — will almost certainly become implantable in our bodies and brains."

Among those technologies are "active implantable microchips that break the skin barrier of our bodies," Schwab explained. These "implantable devices," he contin-

ued, "will likely also help to communicate thoughts normally expressed verbally through a 'built-in' smartphone, and potentially unexpressed thoughts or moods by reading brain waves and other signals."

Even more creepy, perhaps, is that Schwab suggested these technologies would be used by governments to determine who may travel, and even for "pre-crime" purposes. "As capabilities in this area improve, the temptation for law enforcement agencies and courts to use techniques to determine the likelihood of criminal activity, assess guilt or even possibly retrieve memories directly from people's brains will increase," he explained, adding that authorities might require "a detailed brain scan to assess an individual's security risk."

In a post on the WEF website by Danish Parliamentarian Ida Auken, the direction and goals of all this transhumanism become more clear. "Welcome to the year 2030," Auken writes. "I don't own anything," including a home, and "I have no real privacy. No where I can go and not be registered. I know that, somewhere, everything I do, think and dream of is recorded." But her biggest concern is those who refuse to participate.

"My biggest concern is all the people who do not live in our city," Auken explains, noting that some stubborn individuals refused to merge with machines. "Those we lost on the way. Those who decided that it became too much, all this technology. Those who felt obsolete and useless when robots and AI took over big parts of our jobs. Those who got upset with the political system and turned against it."

The push toward transhumanism and merging with computers is becoming especially obvious in the "education" system amid the hysteria surrounding COVID. From moving everything online and sidelining teachers to bringing in artificial Intelligence and algorithms, the technology is getting downright creepy. Huge totalitarian firms such as Google, which brazenly discriminates against Christians and conservatives, are key players as they gather enormous amounts of sensitive data on children and blatantly manipulate the public.

The WEF, which is leading the push with help from the UN and the IMF, is a powerhouse. Every year, it brings together

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billionaires and even mass-murdering dictators from around the world to promote globalism and technocracy under the guise of "helping" humanity. Naturally, all of the major tech companies — Facebook, Alphabet, Microsoft, and so on — are intimately involved. Fringe billionaire totalitarians such as George Soros are key players, too.

The push for the "Great Reset" is hardly the first time the elites have peddled the transhumanist agenda. At the 2018 World Government Summit in the United Arab Emirates, top globalists and "world leaders" gathered to push, among other key themes, the normalization and glorification of "cyborgs." Indeed, the confab, which brings together top leaders of government and business, offered a prominent role to a self-proclaimed "cyborg" named Neil Harbisson, who argued that governments must facilitate the transition to at least some people becoming "part-technology, part-human."

"I have an antenna that is implanted inside my head, which allows me to extend my perception of reality beyond the visual spectrum," said Harbisson, co-founder of the Cyborg Society and the Transpecies Society, which fight for people who "identify" as nonhuman. "I can sense infrared and ultraviolet, and I also have an inter-



**Celebrating serfdom:** Denmark's Environment Minister Ida Auken posted a piece on the World Economic Forum's site celebrating the destruction of private-property rights and total loss of privacy.

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net connection in my head that allows me to receive colors from other parts of the world, or connect to satellites so I can send colors from space."

The year before that, globalists at the World Government Summit gathered under a replica of the "Arch of Baal," a monument to the demon god of the Canaanites frequently referred to in the Bible. More than a few commentators saw it as an ominous sign.

Aside from the fusion with machines and technology, globalist elites are also pushing for genetic modification of everything — including humans. In fact, Microsoft tycoon Bill Gates has openly pushed for such schemes. In 2018, he touted gene-editing technology in *Foreign Affairs*, the mouthpiece of the globalist Deep State organ known as the Council on Foreign Relations. More recently, he has celebrated vaccines that literally alter the genetic code of those receiving them.

The transhumanist movement has been on the fringes, under the radar, for decades. In the late 1990s, Swedish economist Nick Bostrom of Oxford and British "philosopher" David Pearce founded the World Transhumanist Association. And more recently, in his book *Homo Deus*, Israeli author and historian Yuval Noah Harari has also been peddling the idea that mankind is on the verge of evolving to god-like status through technology. Ultimately, humans would be re-designed using genetic modification and technological "upgrades."

"It is very likely, within a century or two, Homo sapiens, as we have known it for thousands of years, will disappear," Harari said at the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs recently. "We will use technology to upgrade ourselves — or at least some of us — into something different; something which is far more different from us than we are different from Neanderthals." The establish-

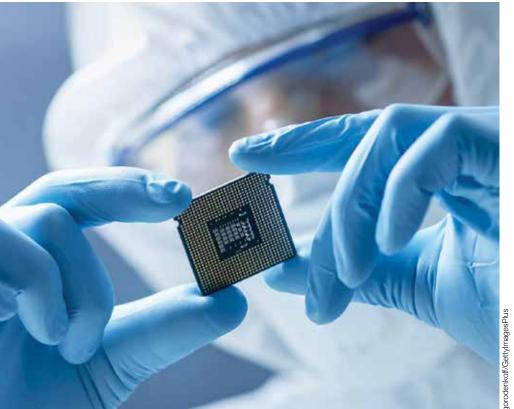
ment media has been breathlessly parroting his propaganda.

Of course, the advancement of transhumanism requires a destruction of Christian moral principles and a negation of the fundamental truths about humanity and reality revealed in the Bible, analysts have observed. Indeed, many of the leading proponents of transhumanism believe their route to "eternal life" involves uploading their consciousness to a computer and merging with technology.

One of the prominent experts speaking out against it all is Dr. Miklos Lukacs de Pereny, a professor of science and technology policy at Peru's Universidad San Martin. "The Fourth Industrial Revolution is literally, as they say, a transformative revolution, not just in terms of the tools that you will use to modify your environment, but for the first time in human history to modify human beings themselves," he told LifeSiteNews, adding that he believed the COVID-19 hysteria was being engineered to enable the Great Reset transformation.

Even though world leaders are openly talking about it all, in response to a public backlash, far-left fake-media outlets such as the *New York Times* and the BBC are currently engaged in frantic "damage control." Incredibly, they are even falsely claiming the Great Reset is a "baseless conspiracy theory." Apparently *New York Times* writer Davey Alba is not familiar with the definition of the word *conspiracy*. He also reported on his efforts to pester Big Tech social-media firms about censoring people's comments about it.

If the comments under its videos on YouTube are any indication, the globalist Great Reset is less popular than cockroaches and head lice. However, that does not mean the Deep State will give up on trying to advance its agenda under the slogan, an agenda that fits nicely with UN Agenda 2030 and the UN and Biden "Build Back Better" campaigns to rebuild a more "progressive" world from the ashes of COVID-19 destruction. It is basically the same old "New World Order" agenda, complete with the elimination of private property, privacy, self-government, and nation-states, now fused with transhumanism. Those who value truth, liberty, and humanity must resist.



**Say hello to your little friend:** Numerous globalists, including WEF chief Klaus Schwab, have touted microchips and other technology they say will be implanted in people's brains.

### World Economic Forum:

## We Can Be "Conditioned" to Eat Weeds and Bugs to Save Us From Climate Change

Backers of the World Economic Forum's "Great Reset" claim that we need to abstain from eating meat — instead eating weeds and insects — to control the climate.



by James Murphy

officials — proponents of the "Great Reset" — are busily thinking of ways for mankind to reduce greenhouse gases in order to save the planet from the catastrophic global warming they are forecasting. Among their ideas

James Murphy is a freelance journalist who writes on a variety of subjects, with a primary focus on the ongoing anthropogenic climate-change hoax and cultural issues. is conditioning the world's population to begin eating and enjoying what they refer to as "alternative food sources."

WEF Agenda Contributor Douglas Broom lays out the case for eating weeds in an article posted on the globalist organization's website.

"Finding new plant-based foods is becoming increasingly urgent with the world's population forecast to grow by two billion in the next 30 years. While farming animals for meat generates 14.5 percent of total global greenhouse emissions, weeds capture carbon from the atmosphere and can therefore help to control climate change," Broom writes.

Weeds are "the future of food," and can be "nutritious and tasty, if we know which ones to pick," according to Broom. Just make sure you don't accidentally pick weeds that are poisonous.

"Of course, not all wild plants are safe to consume — some are poisonous," Broom admits. "You should always check with a reliable source before eating them. Many countries also have laws against harvesting some wild plants, so the best advice is to check before you pick."

The article gives several bullet points as to why our future diets will include lots of dandelions and crabgrass. Among them: "Weeds can be nutritious and tasty, if we know which ones to pick"; "As the global population grows, they can be a reliable food source"; "Their ability to capture carbon can help tackle climate change"; and "Weeds can also assist farmers by identifying soil problems to boost yields."

And it's not just weeds, but other items that we currently consider disgusting that will feed us in the future. Another article on the official WEF website suggests that humans can be conditioned to eat and even enjoy such things as insects and grubs.

Oh, and we'll also be drinking "recycled water," which is otherwise known as sewage.

Drinking this "toilet water" is absolutely going to happen, according to Australian environmental engineer Anas Ghadouani. It's already happening in parts of Australia. "If anything, recycled wastewater is relatively sweet," Ghadouani says.

"It's a no-brainer," said Ghadouani. "It's what's going to happen."

Although it sounds absolutely revolting, our globalist masters assure us that we'll get used to these changes in our diet.

"Our research suggests that some disgust responses, once set early in child-hood, are hard to shift," writes University of Auckland Professor of Health Psychology Nathan Consedine. "But responses involving culturally conditioned ideas of what is natural may be modified over time."

The article goes on to suggest that our natural disgust at certain things causes us to "reject valid sources of possible nutrition." Consedine claims that "culture, learning and development" all contribute to our disgust reflex at the thought of eating or drinking certain revolting things.

Consedine believes that through media manipulation, we can be conditioned to eat and drink things that are now considered nauseating.

"Given evidence about how much of which we consider disgusting is cultural and learned, marketing campaigns could help shift attitudes about what is 'natural,'" Consedine states.

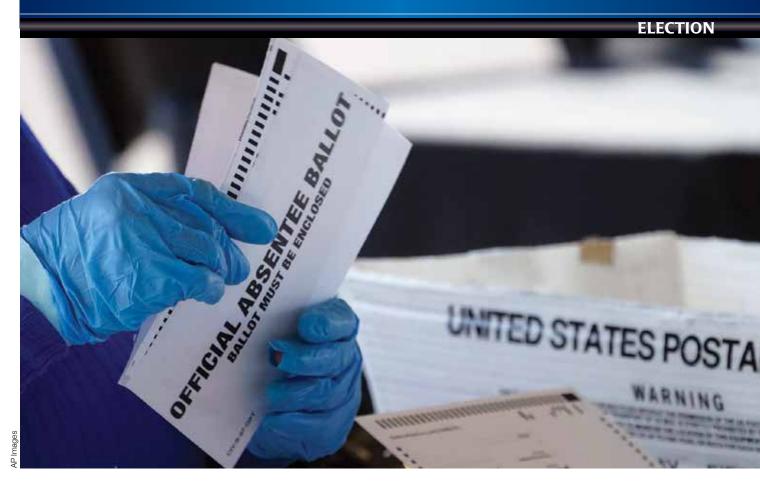
We will simply need to reappraise what we find repulsive — and commercials and social media will not only assure us that eating insects and drinking recycled sewage is not only acceptable, but also good for the environment.

"Thinking differently about emotioneliciting stimuli is termed 'reappraisal.' Reappraisal has been shown to reduce disgust effects among those with obsessive compulsive disorder. Desensitization (repeated exposures) seems less effective in reducing disgust (versus fear) among people with diagnosed phobias, but it may work better among the general population."

This is what proponents of the "Great Reset" are dreaming of: a new world where not only our movement, our finances, and our freedoms are at stake, but even the food we consume and the water we drink will be controlled by an all-seeing, all-knowing, and all-encompassing government.

We'll eat weeds and bugs and drink toilet water and we'll like it. The alternative will be to starve. ■





### **VOTE FRAUD**

### Here's the Proof

Though anti-Trumpers claim that there is no evidence of vote fraud at levels significant enough to change the 2020 election, that is simply not true.

#### by Steve Byas

ost of Big Media, the Democrats, and even many Republicans — mostly RINOs (Republicans In Name Only) — have proclaimed former Vice President Joe Biden the undisputed winner of the 2020 presidential election, arguing that there exists no evidence of fraud — or at least so little as to make no difference in the outcome. And now, presidential electors have met in their re-

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spective states, and have cast their votes to name Biden as the next president. But millions of Americans reject this as a true reflection of what the American voter actually wanted, arguing that massive election fraud cost President Trump a deserved reelection. Much of the following evidence is dismissed by the Democrats and their media allies — if they even address any of it at all — as just a "conspiracy theory," which is, of course, not an argument but rather a talking point. It seems that most of those who did not want Donald Trump to be reelected argue "there is nothing to see here," while the majority of Trump voters believe there is a whole lot to "see here."

**Creating opportunity:** An election worker processes absentee ballots at State Farm Arena in Atlanta the day prior to the November 3 election. The massive increase in mail-in voting helped clear the way for massive vote fraud.

There is much about the election that makes little sense. The Republican Party gained seats in the House, and increased the number of state legislatures that they control, yet their presidential candidate supposedly lost. It is the first time in American history that an incumbent president gained votes (15 million more votes than Obama got in 2012!) and lost — if he did. President Barack Obama actually received three and a half million fewer votes in 2012 than in 2008, yet won reelection. Biden won only 524 counties across the country, as opposed to the 873 counties Obama won in 2008, yet supposedly Biden got more votes than Obama. Significantly, in Ohio, a state that recently instituted strong election fraud measures, Trump won by eight percentage points! In contrast, in other midwestern states such as Michigan and Wisconsin that lacked these anti-fraud safeguards, Trump lost.

Trump won a larger percentage of the African-American vote than any Republican

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**Credible?** President Donald Trump was able to increase his support among Hispanics, especially men. Despite this increased support from Hispanics, we are expected to believe that Trump lost Arizona (after winning it in 2016, with much less Hispanic support).

candidate in 60 years, and a huge increase in the percentage of Hispanic votes. His rallies were filled to capacity, despite concerns over the Chinese COVID virus. Biden, on the other hand, barely campaigned, and his campaign events were sparsely attended.

Moreover, Patrick Basham, the founding director of the pollster group Democracy Institute, added to the ever-growing list of election abnormalities and statistical improbabilities. He said that the election went flat-out against "non-polling metrics" that have a perfect record of predicting the outcome of an election, until now. Those metrics include party registration trends; the candidates' respective primary votes; candidate enthusiasm; social-media followings; broadcast and digital media ratings; online searches; the number of (especially small) donors; and the number of individuals betting on each candidate.

What is the truth? In this article, let us look at multiple allegations of election fraud in the battleground states (where it mattered to the election's outcome), and the reader can judge for himself. The states in question are Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, and it is alleged that enough extra "votes" were produced for Biden — or taken away from Trump — in those states to alter the outcome of a presidential election.

#### Arizona

Biden allegedly won this state by 10,557 votes (1,672,143 to 1,661,686), but consider this:

- An election poll watcher told a hearing of Arizona legislators that she was refused observation of at least 2,000 duplicate ballots.
  - Another witness said that truckloads of

ballots continued to come in for 10 days after election officials had thought they were through counting. "I'm like, 'How can you not know how many ballots are still out there?" she told Arizona lawmakers.

- Signatures on ballots "didn't even resemble" the ones on file that they were supposed to match, another witness claimed.
- Forty-four percent of people reached by phone said they had not requested a mail-in ballot, yet the state received a completed ballot in their name.
- Another witness was told "there was no chain of custody" on ballots leaving the election facility "for an undisclosed location."
- · Linda Brickman, first vice-chair of the Maricopa County Republican Committee, testified that signature verification standards were constantly being lowered by supervisors in order to more quickly process the higher amount of early and mail-in ballots (from about 15 points of similarities, to a minimum of three, lowered to one, and ultimately to none). Brickman said they were told to "just pass each signature verification through." Brickman claimed, "Challenged signatures on envelopes where the signature was a completely different person than the name of the listed voter, was let through and approved by supervisors." In fact, batches of envelopes for signature verification "observed by me," Brickman said, were of "the exact same handwriting on the affidavit envelopes on numerous envelopes."
- When Brickman reported to a Democrat partner the receipt of a Trump/Republican ballot, "as soon as she entered it into the system the ballot defaulted on the screen to a Biden/Democratic ballot. We reported this to supervisors, and others in the room commented that they had witnessed the same manipulation."
- It is alleged that 86,845 mail-in ballots were lost, and 219,135 more were fraudulently recorded for voters who never requested mail-in ballots.
- At a minimum, 5,790 ineligible voters who had moved out of state voted illegally in Arizona.

#### Georgia

Biden allegedly won Georgia by 12,670 votes out of nearly five million votes cast, but consider this:

- Election workers in the State Farm Arena in Fulton County claimed that a water leak required the facility to close on election night. At about 10 p.m., all poll workers and challengers were told to leave for several hours. However, several workers did not leave, but remained behind unsupervised and unchallenged working at the computers for voting tabulation machines until past 1 a.m. A video shows these remaining poll workers pulling ballots out of containers from underneath a table, then processing them.
- At least 96,000 absentee ballots were requested and counted but were never recorded as having been returned to the county election boards by the voter.
- State law prohibits the opening of absentee ballots prior to election day, but state election officials authorized doing so anyway three weeks early.
- In some counties, no actual "hand" recount was conducted. County officials simply conducted a second machine count of the same ballots.
- A large number of ballots were identical and likely fraudulent. One person said in an affidavit that she observed a batch of utterly pristine ballots, and that there was a difference in the texture of the paper. "In my 20 years of handling ballots, I ob-

- served that the markings for the candidates on these ballots were unusually uniform, perhaps even with a ballot-marking device. By my estimate in observing these ballots, approximately 98 percent constituted votes for Joe Biden. I only observed two of these ballots as votes for President Donald J. Trump."
- This same affiant further testified that there was a breach in the chain of custody for voting machines delivered the night before the election. While they typically receive the machines the Friday before the Tuesday election, "In this case, we were asked to sign the chain of custody letter on Sunday, even though the machines were not delivered until 2 a.m. in the morning on Election Day." The affiant added in sworn testimony that "when we did receive the machines, they were not sealed or locked, the serial numbers were not what were reflected on the related documentation."
- Another affiant testified, "While in Henry County, I personally witnessed ballots cast for Donald Trump being placed in the pile for Joseph Biden. I witnessed this at table 'A'.... At no time did I witness any ballot cast for Joseph Biden be placed in the pile for Donald Trump."
- "I witnessed two poll workers placing already separated paper machine receipt

- ballots with barcodes in the Trump tray," testified another affiant, "placing them into the Biden tray. I also witnessed the same two poll workers putting the already separated paper receipt ballots in the 'No Vote' and [Libertarian presidential candidate] 'Jorgenson' tray, and removing them and putting them inside the Biden tray. They then took out all of the ballots out of the Biden tray and stacked them on the table, writing on the count ballot sheet."
- A *Democrat* affiant testified he had seen "absentee ballots for Trump inserted into Biden's stack, and counted as Biden votes."
- Another affiant said that there was different paper used for some ballots: "I noticed that almost all of the ballots I reviewed were for Biden. Many batches went 100 percent for Biden. I also observed that the watermark on at least three ballots were solid gray instead of transparent, leading me to believe the ballot was counterfeit."

#### Michigan

Biden allegedly won Michigan by 154,188 votes, out of more than five million cast, but consider this:

- A poll worker, who said she had nine years of election experience, was at the TCF Center in Detroit on election day and told a Michigan State Senate hearing that she observed numerous military ballots that looked like "Xerox copies," and all marked for Democrat Joe Biden. "There wasn't a single Trump vote." She added that some of the voters were not even registered, but election workers manually entered the names and addresses, along with a birth date of 1/1/2020. She said she saw this happen "throughout the day."
- Republican election challengers at the TCF Center were subjected a systematic pattern of harassment, intimidation, and even physical removal.
- Voters were unlawfully coached to vote for Joe Biden.
- Dates on absentee ballots received after the 8 p.m. election day deadline were changed to indicate they were received before the deadline.
- Persons who had already voted by absentee were allowed to vote again in person
- Ineligible ballots were counted multiple times, in many cases.



**Were they just making sure others got good rest?** After telling Republican poll workers and challengers — and media representatives — to go home because the counting of ballots was being suspended until the next morning, some election officials remained behind. In the middle of the night, security cameras caught what appeared to be the processing of previously hidden ballots.

- Ballots without signatures were counted, or without any effort to match signatures, or ballots without postmarks.
- Unsecured ballots arrived at the TCF Center loading garage, without any chain of custody, without envelopes, in 28 vehicles with out-of-state license plates, after the 8 p.m. deadline. Challenger Andrew Sitto claimed that "tens of thousands of new ballots" were brought into the counting room. One affiant testified, "All ballots sampled that I heard and observed were for Joe Biden."
  - Ballots were cast by deceased voters.
- More than one hundred credentialed election challengers provided sworn affidavits of these and other irregularities.
- Six-foot distancing rules were enforced on Republican challengers, but not on Democratic challengers.
- Challenger Kathleen Daavettila saw Democratic challengers distributing a packet of information among themselves, entitled "Tactics to Distract GOP Challengers."
- Challenger Jessica Connarn, a lawyer, said that she was told to change the date on ballots to reflect that the ballots were received on an earlier date. She even

- produced a photograph of a note she was given, to change the dates.
- An unidentified USPS worker a whistleblower told Project Veritas that a supervisor issued a directive to collect ballots and stamp them as having been received on November 3. "We were issued a directive this morning to collect any ballots we find in mailboxes, collection boxes, just outgoing mail in general, separate them at the end of the day so that we can hand stamp them with the previous day's date [November 4 the day after the election]."
- Challenger Patricia Rose said that she personally observed a stack of about "50 ballots being fed multiple times into a ballot scanner counting machine." Another affiant said saw this same group of ballots rescanned "at least five times."
- Melissa Carone, an employee of Dominion (the vendor of the voting machines), saw "countless workers rescanning the batches without discarding them ... which resulted in ballots being counted 4-5 times" by the "countless" number of election workers.
- Election officials counted ineligible ballots with no signatures, and some with no postmark.

- Election officials counted "spoiled" ballots.
- One affiant observed election officials even removing ballots from the envelopes and seeing who the person voted for, before deciding whether to place them into the "problems" box.
- Nearly all newly registered voters in 2020 (who were not registered in 2016) voted for Biden.
- 12,120 Michigan voters in the 2020 general election had previously moved out of state, and were thus ineligible.
- Almost 300,000 ballots were supposedly processed in four Michigan counting centers on November 4, in less than four hours, which is technologically impossible.
- In Antrim County, Biden bested Trump by 3,000 votes, although Trump had taken the county in 2016 with 62 percent of the vote.

#### **Pennsylvania**

Biden allegedly won Pennsylvania by 81,660 votes out of almost seven million votes cast, but consider this:

- Whistleblowers assert that mail promoting President Trump was junked, while campaign material supporting challenger Joe Biden was delivered.
- U.S. Postal Service contractor Jesse Morgan claims that his trailer full of up to 288,000 completed mail-in ballots, which he drove from New York to the depot in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, disappeared after Postal Service employees refused to take in the ballots.
- Postal workers in multiple Pennsylvania towns have charged that the Postal Service backdated ballots.
- The Pennsylvania Legislature expanded the use of absentee voting in ways that the state's constitution explicitly did not allow. Then, Pennsylvania election officials ignored the statutory requirement that only absentee ballots received by election day be counted. Despite such lawlessness, the state Supreme Court dismissed a lawsuit brought by state Representative Mike Kelly on procedural grounds, arguing that he should have brought the lawsuit before the election. Senator Ted Cruz of Texas said that the court held that plaintiffs don't have standing to challenge election law before the election, and then after the election they dismiss the case because "they've delayed too long."



**Is this peachy?** Despite winning Georgia in 2016, and building up a huge lead over Biden in the Peach State this time, Trump's lead mysteriously disappeared when massive numbers of votes were "processed" in the middle of the night in Fulton County.



- Greg Stenstrom, a poll observer and security fraud expert from Delaware County (Pennsylvania), told a Senate committee that he witnessed multiple "chain of custody" violations with mail-in ballots and ballots from drop-boxes. He told the senators that election officials in Delaware County did not follow "even one" of the rules governing the election process. He said that "virtually all chain of custody logs, records, yellow sheets, everything was gone in Delaware County."
- Stenstrom said he witnessed voter data on USB cards being uploaded to voting machines by a supervisor without being observed by a poll watcher. He claimed this happened "at least" 24 times. "He's walking with baggies [of USB cards], which we have pictures of and that were submitted in our affidavits."
- As many as 70,000 ballots were in a room off-limits to poll watchers, except for five minutes every two hours. Three hours later the uncounted ballots had disappeared.
- Justin Kweder testified that he spent 10 days at poll stations and ballot-counting locations in Philadelphia. He claims that "hundreds of thousands of mail-in ballots" were handled in a room of 120,000 square feet with "zero civilian oversight."
- Poll watchers were held back from the poll workers by distances of 10 to 200 feet.

- Kweder noted, "There was no ability to inspect, challenge or oversee the process as mail-in ballots were being opened and separated from the envelopes (containing vital voter information and signatures.)"
- Matt Braynard, executive director of Look Ahead America, supervised calls to tens of thousands of Pennsylvania residents. In a sworn affidavit, he revealed that large percentages of Republicans stated that they voted absentee, but there is no record of their votes.
- Fourteen hundred voters illegally listed postal facility addresses as their residences. (One cannot place a voter accurately in the proper precinct using a post office box.) Braynard claimed that the postal facility address included a false apartment or suite number.
- Approximately 100,000 ballots were returned *before they had time to go through the mail*, with some being returned before they were officially sent.

#### Wisconsin

Biden allegedly won Wisconsin by 20,682 votes out of about three and a quarter million votes cast, but consider this:

• Wisconsin law, which requires a corresponding written application for in-person absentee voting, was ignored, and such ballots were nevertheless included in the recount.

**Voter enthusiasm:** President Trump, shown here appearing at a rally for Republican U.S. Senate candidates Kelly Loeffler and David Perdue of Georgia, who face run-off elections on January 5, 2021, pulled in his typical massive and enthusiastic crowds. Biden's campaign events drew pitfully low numbers of largely unenthusiastic supporters.

- At one point, Trump led by about 100,000 votes, which meant that Biden would have to catch up in the remaining precincts, found mostly in Democratic-leaning Milwaukee. A single update to the vote count enabled Biden to jump into the lead. This vote update arrived at 3:42 a.m., Central Time, in the early morning hours of November 4. In this update, Biden gained 143,379 votes to a mere 25,163 for Trump. (The oddity of this bump will be explained in the next section.)
- There were more than 60,000 ballots where only Biden was selected, but no down-ballot Democrats were selected. (A similar oddity occurred in other swing states.) While it is true that more voters tend to cast ballots in the presidential race, Trump had less than a thousand of these types of ballots. Given that Trump has many supporters who will vote for him, but not for anyone else, even other Republican candidates, this is difficult to believe.
- Ethan Pease of Madison, Wisconsin, said in a news conference that he works as a USPS subcontractor, and he alleged that he was told the Postal Service had planned to backdate tens of thousands of mail-in ballots before the November 3 election, so they would be counted.
- 6,207 people who had moved out of Wisconsin in 2020 still voted in Wisconsin.
- Wisconsin allows individuals who are indefinitely confined (those who are bedridden and thus cannot follow normal voting rules) to request an absentee ballot and not provide voter ID (as is otherwise required under Wisconsin law). Normally, only a few hundred to a few thousand will request such ballots, but in 2020, 169,282 requested them. (COVID could not be legally used as a reason to obtain one of these types of ballots.)

#### Things That Go Bump in the Night

In the early morning hours of November 4, when most Americans had gone to bed, thinking Trump had been reelected, the

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battleground states of Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and Georgia all experienced a dramatic "bump" in the number of votes for Biden. In an amazing coincidence, these states all had called a halt to the counting, but then in the middle of the night, vote counting began again.

According to *The American Spectator*, a batch of ballots in Pennsylvania recorded around 570,000 votes for Biden, but only 3,200 for Trump, which is not believable. *The American Spectator* cited Colonel Phil Waldron, a former combat officer with a background in electronic warfare and election-data fraud to offer an explanation.

"That one batch alone would have flipped the state to Biden," Waldron said. "The problem with a spike like this is a massive numerical amount of votes are processed in a time period that is not feasible or mechanically possible." He added, "A big spike [in such an impossibly narrow window of time] shooting up is a prime indicator of fraudulent voting."

Waldron charged that the Dominion voting systems used in a majority of the states in the United States, including in battleground states such as Pennsylvania and Georgia, "were built to be manipulated." He claimed that as many as 1.2 million Pennsylvania votes could have been altered or fraudulent.

The vice president of Dominion Voting Systems is Eric Coomer, a strong opponent of Trump. In 2016, he told everyone on Facebook to unfriend him if they intended to vote for the "autocratic, narcissistic, fascists, \*\*\*-hat blowhard and his Christian jihadist VP pick."

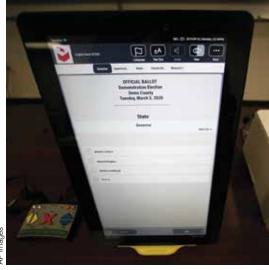
Only a few months ago, prominent Democrats were expressing concern about Dominion. Just last year, Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), and Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) investigated Dominion Voting Systems and concluded that the company posed a concern to the integrity of American elections. "We have concerns about the spread and effect of private equity equipment in many sectors of the economy, including the election technology industry." They added, "These problems threaten the integrity of our elections and demonstrate the importance of election systems that are strong, durable, and not vulnerable to attack."

In an order issued just a few weeks before the election, Federal Judge Amy Totenberg said of Dominion, "The case presented serious system security vulnerability and operational issues that may place Plaintiffs and other voters at risk of deprivation of their fundamental right to cast an effective vote that is accurately counted ... [the risks] are neither hypothetical nor remote under the current circumstances."

One report studied the nearly 9,000 individual updates to the vote totals in all 50 states and found that four individual updates are profoundly anomalous — they deviate from a pattern that is otherwise found in the vast majority of the remaining 8,954 updates. In the states of



**One wonders what he deems evidence:** Judge James Russell, a district court judge in Nevada, simply dismissed a suit by the Trump campaign despite 20 binders full of evidence — including affidavits, forensic analysis, and other evidence. The suit asked the judge to either award the state's six electors to Trump, or block certification of the state's electors for Biden. Russell claimed he found "no evidence of voter fraud."



No real paper trail: Many states used Dominion voting machines that electronically tabulate votes, though they can be rigged to change votes. Mathematical evidence shows that they were an integral part of a scheme of massive voter fraud in the 2020 presidential election.



**Americans loving riots?** Justin Blake, the uncle of Jacob Blake, whose shooting by police officers in Kenosha, Wisconsin — a key swing state that Biden supposedly flipped from Trump — led to riots, watches election returns on November 3. Democrat-led riots and defunding police gained support for Trump. Wisconsin was one of several states where massive voting irregularities have put a cloud over the results.

Michigan, Wisconsin, and Georgia — which flipped 42 electoral votes from Trump to Biden — incredible "bumps" handed Biden those states. For this to happen, these voting updates would have had to have taken the votes almost totally for Biden. Yet, we do not see these overwhelming margins with smaller vote updates with mail-in votes.

An update in Michigan at 6:31 a.m. Eastern Time on November 4, gave 141,258 votes for Biden, and a mere 5,968 votes for Trump. An update in Georgia at 1:34 a.m. Eastern Time on November 4, gave Biden 136,155 votes to only 29,115 votes for Trump. In Michigan, an update at 3:50 a.m. Eastern Time on November 4 had Biden getting 54,497 votes, with Trump garnering only 4,718. In Wisconsin, at 3:42 a.m. Central Time, an update handed Biden 143,379 votes, with Trump trailing at 25,163 votes.

All of these "updates" happened within a five-hour window.

President Trump's lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, called Dominion a "radical left" company, and claimed it had the ability to allow votes "to be mirrored and monitored, allowing an intervening party a real-time understanding of how many votes will be needed to gain an electoral advantage."

Giuliani has also responded to those who charge that he is threatening to "disqualify" voters. "We don't want to disenfranchise anyone. We want to disqualify 672,000 votes so 72 million people are not disenfranchised. Because that's what happened by the cheating that went on here."

Certainly, this is a serious matter, and it is understandable that many Americans simply do not want to believe that their country — the United States of America — has allowed its election system to degenerate to a level found in banana republics and regimes led by dictators.

Some fear that if Biden's apparent victory is overturned as a result of these serious charges of widespread fraud, it will result in riots. But in fact, were the situation reversed and there was this much evidence that Trump had won by fraud, the media would be repeating these charges around the clock, and rioters would already be in the streets across the country, burning down buildings and looting stores of flat-screen TVs. As it

is, it is not that the Democrats or their media allies are challenging these allegations and proving them wrong. They are simply refusing to cover this information at all, except to say that Trump and his supporters are making unsupportable charges of fraud and spouting "conspiracy theories," as if they themselves did not do that for three years with their baseless Russian collusion accusations.

Federal Election Commission Chairman Try Trainor recently said during an appearance on Newsmax that we have witnessed an "illegitimate election."

"I do believe," Trainor said, "that there is voter fraud taking place. Otherwise they would allow the observers to go in.... When you have claims of 10,000 people who don't live in the state of Nevada having voted in Nevada, when you have the video showing where people are either duplicating a spoiled ballot right there, or they're in the process of just marking a ballot that came in blank for a voter, that's a process that needs to be observed by election observers."

Some even suggested that state legislatures either appoint electors who will vote for Trump, or perhaps not appoint any electors. If enough states had done that, and neither candidate had the minimum number of 270 electoral votes needed to have an Electoral College majority, the election would have been decided in the House of Representatives.

If that happened, it would no doubt strain the social fabric of the United States, and that would be regrettable. However, the casting of doubt on the 2016 election, with the phony Russia investigation and Hillary Clinton saying the Russians "hacked" the election (clearly implying that the election was stolen from her in 2016), has already done that. Actions taken by election officials and others across multiple states have cast doubt on the 2020 presidential race, and they are the ones responsible for tearing the social fabric.

If enough of the allegations that are detailed in this article are true, then we have had an American presidential election stolen. America's elected officials, including state legislators, including need to hear from you — their constituents — that we will not tolerate the continuation of such fraud and that we will not tolerate their inaction, allowing this to happen again.

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#### Canceled Plans Lead to Good Deed

When an Illinois couple canceled their wedding plans, they decided to use the money that was supposed to pay for catering their wedding to feed the less fortunate at Thanksgiving.

Planning a wedding during a pandemic is hard, particularly when Americans have found themselves at the mercy of over-reaching state and local governments. Emily Bugg and Bill Lewis had originally planned to marry at a hip warehouse in the West Town neighborhood, the *Chicago Sun-Times* reported, with 150 guests from all over the country. But with ongoing COVID restrictions, seemingly without an end in sight, the couple did not want to continue to delay their nuptials. Instead, they got married at City Hall in Chicago on October 1.

The couple then teamed up with their caterer, Big Delicious Planet, to take their catering deposit and use it to prepare 200 Thanksgiving dinners for Thresholds, an organization for which Emily works that supports individuals with mental illness and substanceabuse issues. Because of the pandemic, Thresholds was unable to host its usual Thanksgiving celebration for its clients, so the donation was enormous.

"In the grand scheme of things, canceling a big wedding isn't the worst thing that could happen," Bugg told *Good Morning America*. "We're happy to be married, and we're so happy that we could help Thresholds' clients feel the connection of a Thanksgiving meal as a result of the wedding cancellation."

Meals consisted of turkey, mashed potatoes, and vegetables. The staff at Thresholds helped the caterers box the meals and then delivered them to the clients' homes before the holiday.

The couple also worked with their wedding venue, Salvage One, to put their deposit toward a future event for the Epilepsy Foundation, *Good Morning America* reported. According to the *Washington Post*, epilepsy is a "cause Bugg has a connection to."

And Emily told the *Post*, "So many people have told me this was a beautiful way to start our married life together."

#### **Aubrey**

A kind gesture by a FedEx driver in Ohio brought tears of joy to an unsuspecting child and his family, Fox 5 New York reported.

When a FedEx driver, known only as Aubrey, noticed on her route a young boy named Elijah Wheeler playing basketball with a rusty hoop, she decided to bless him with a brand new hoop and basketball.

On November 8, Aubrey left the items on the Wheelers' porch along with a note on the instruction manual that read, "Wasn't sure if you wanted sand, or water, in the base, so you'll need a good amount of weight to keep it from falling over. Take care!"

She signed it "Aubrey, just one of the FedEx drivers for the area."

Aubrey also left a second note on a FedEx "missed delivery" slip that she taped to the basketball packaging. "I just wanted you and your son to have the best hoop that'll grow with him and all his friends! It's wonderful that you guys shoot hoops with him," the note read.

Stunned by Aubrey's generosity, Elijah's mother, Coledo, posted photos of the surprise on Facebook on November 9. "I instantly started crying. Come to find out a random act of kindness had happened in our home," Wheeler wrote.

Wheeler noted that the hoop Elijah had been playing with before the surprise was in rough shape, and recalled seeing Aubrey in the area one of the many times Elijah was shooting baskets with his parents, brother, and friends.

"What an awesome amazing thing that she did for him out of pure kindness. There are very much still good people in the world," Wheeler continued in her post.

When Elijah discovered the surprise, he immediately cried, his mother said. It wasn't long before he was ready to play basketball, Wheeler added.

And as if Aubrey didn't already do enough, she returned the next day to drop off sandbags to fill the hoop, Wheeler's Facebook post noted.

Wheeler later told *Good Morning America* the gesture was like an early Christmas present, particularly since her boys love to play basketball. She said Elijah plays with the new hoop every morning before school.

#### "The Great Derecho"

In the aftermath of a devastating and destructive derecho — a group of intense and widespread windstorms and thunderstorms — that tore that through eastern Iowa on August 10, 12-year-old Tommy Rhomberg found a unique way to help raise money for the victims.

Rhomberg turned fallen branches from trees into baseball bats for sale and used the money he raised to help the storm victims rebuild. He named the handmade bat "The Great Derecho," a play on "The Great Bambino," and has since carved more than 100 bats and donated \$2,500 to the Community Foundation's Disaster Recovery Fund for victims of the storm.

"We didn't have, like, any damage [to our home]," Rhomberg told CBS News, "but just driving around town there were people with half their house destroyed, and I just wanted to raise money so we could help them."

It began as a simple gesture for a friend before morphing into something with a much greater impact, the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation explained on its website. Tommy's friend Walker was celebrating a birthday, and Tommy wanted to do something special for him since his birthday plans had been derailed by the storm. Tree branches littered the road following the storm, and inspired the builder in him to get creative. Tommy found a branch and began to whittle a bat for his baseball-loving friend, and painted "The Great Derecho" on the side before giving it to Walker as a birthday present. The bat took more than 10 hours to make by hand.

The bat was enormously popular, prompting requests for Tommy to make more. It was then that Tommy realized he could use the bats to raise money for recovery efforts.

With help from his dad, Tommy began whittling and staining more bats. Tommy presented a check for \$2,500 to the Community Foundation's Disaster Recovery Fund on November 2.

When Tommy's story was aired on CBS Evening News at the end of October, hundreds of new orders came flooding in. Customers are now on a wait list for bats.

- RAVEN CLABOUGH

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# The Creation and History of THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

The creation of the Electoral College was to take partisanship out of the process of electing the president so that the best man got the job, and it's still important.



**Controversial college?** The delegates to the Constitutional Convention had many sharp disagreements. But as Alexander Hamilton explained in the *Federalist Papers*, the elector system of choosing the president drew broad agreement. While not perfect, Hamilton wrote, the creation of the Electoral College was "excellent."

#### by Steve Byas

he Electoral College is today a topic of some controversy, largely because its detractors either do not understand its purpose, or even the purpose of government itself, or are simply opposed to our form of government. The Framers of the Constitution were in general agreement as to the purpose of government, which is to protect our lives, our liberty, and our property. Their differences were more in how best to achieve those goals.

Many issues were quite contentious at the Constitutional Convention of 1787, but in the end the method of selecting the president of the United States — through what is called the Electoral College drew broad agreement, both at the convention and in the ratification conventions in the states. As Alexander Hamilton expressed it, this method may not have been perfect, but it was "excellent."

The term "Electoral College" does not actually appear in the Constitution, but was adopted later as a good description of the system the Founding Fathers created wherein state-selected electors choose the president of the United States.

It was decided rather early during the convention that the government needed a unitary chief executive, which they agreed should be called president of the United States. Just how that individual would be selected was not so much a matter of contention as a matter of practicality. In *The Federalist*, No. 39, James Madison explained that the Constitution created a government that was a mixture of national and federal features. Whereas the people

voted directly for members of the House of Representatives, the people would only indirectly choose the president through their state government.

Likewise, Alexander Hamilton, writing in *The Federalist*, No. 68, extolled the virtues of choosing the president by electors, chosen by each state by whatever method its legislature determined. First, it had the virtue of being a temporary body, and thus not subject to foreign influence between elections, and second, it would limit any influence that corruption might have on the process.

Although there was some initial sentiment in favor of presidential election by a direct, popular vote, it was deemed impractical, and counter to the federal system of government they were attempting to create. The Framers had solved the question of how to elect congressmen either by the state legislatures, with each state equally represented, or by the people directly, in which the more populated states would have more representation by the "Great Compromise." Oliver Ellsworth of Connecticut was the man most responsible for that compromise. Under its terms, one house (the Senate) of Congress would represent each state equally, and the other (the House of Representatives) would give more representation to the more populated states. Having created such a hybrid for the legislative branch, it was logical to do something similar for the executive. Ellsworth argued powerfully against direct election of the president on the basis that such a method would be unfair to the states with less population. (It should be noted that those who mistakenly argue that the Electoral College and the Senate were created for the benefit of the slave states should recognize that both institutions' most Ellsworth argued powerfully against direct election of the president on the basis that such a method would be unfair to the states with less population.

powerful advocate was an anti-slavery delegate from Connecticut.)

#### Delegates Struggle: How to Choose the President

But how to select the president was up for debate. Various suggestions were offered. Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts suggested letting the governors of the states elect the president. In Miracle at Philadelphia, Catherine Drinker Bowen wrote, "No fewer than sixty ballots were needed before the method of selecting the president was decided; repeatedly, delegates fell upon it as if never before debated. Five times the convention voted in favor of having the President appointed by Congress. Once they voted against that, once for electors chosen by state legislators, twice against that, and voted again and again to reconsider the whole business."

James Wilson of Pennsylvania called the problem of picking a president "in truth, one of the most difficult of all we have to decide." He even offered the odd proposal that members of Congress draw colored balls out of a jar, with those drawing golden balls retiring to a locked room to elect the president. As time went on, both the idea of having anyone from Congress choose the president and the idea of direct popular election gave way to a new approach. Gerry argued that popular election would be "radically vicious," and Madison said that indirect election by a group of electors would afford less "opportunity for cabal, or corruption."

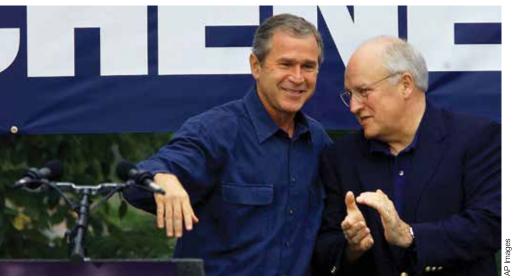
Finally, the convention created an 11-man committee (which included Madison) to present a plan for choosing the government's chief executive through a system of special electors. They met from late August until early September (the convention adopted the Constitution on September 17), and presented the plan that then was written into the Constitution. It faced no significant opposition, as by this time it had become clear that such a method of electing

the president was preferable to either congressional or popular election. St. George Tucker, writing in his 1803 book *View of the Constitution of the United States*, said little about the Electoral College, other than it provided for the "tranquility" of the election of the chief executive of the U.S. government. Hamilton, writing in *The Federalist*, No. 83, said, "The mode of appointment of the Chief Magistrate of the United States is almost the only part of the system, of any consequence, which has escaped without severe censure, or which has received the slightest mark of approbation from its opponents."

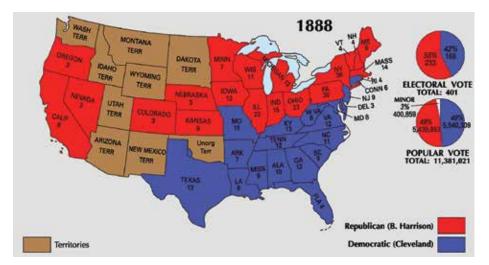
Indeed, the Anti-Federalists (those who opposed the adoption of the Constitution, at least without major revision) offered no opposition to the Electoral College, and it was hardly mentioned at the various state ratification conventions. This may seem strange today, what with the opposition to it centered on the charge that it is "undemocratic." But when one considers that the delegates at the Constitutional Convention had no intention of creating a unitary democracy, but rather a federal republic, it makes perfect sense. Writing in The Federalist, No. 10, Madison took a dim view of pure democracy, arguing, "Democracies have ever been spectacles of turbulence and contention; have ever been found incompatible with personal security or the rights of property; and have in general been as short in their lives as they have been violent in their deaths."

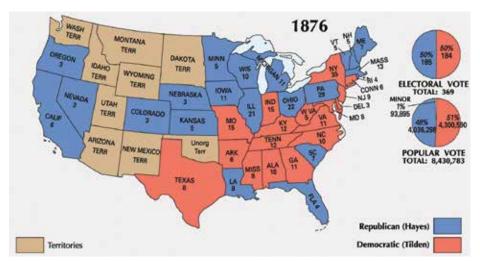
The Constitution created the elector system of choosing the president in Article II: "Each state shall appoint, in such manner as the legislature thereof may direct, a number of electors, equal to the whole number of senators and representatives to which the state may be entitled in the Congress: but no senator or representative, or person holding an office of trust or profit under the United States, shall be appointed an elector."

The Constitution stipulates that these electors shall meet in their respective states, and vote by ballot for two persons, "of whom one at least shall not be an inhabitant of the same state as themselves." While the Electoral College system was modified in 1804 somewhat by the 12th Amendment, which required electors to vote for president and vice



**Gaming the system:** The Constitution stipulates that a presidential elector cannot vote for a person for president and another for vice president who are both from the elector's home state. To circumvent this provision, Dick Cheney (right) — who was, like George W. Bush, a resident of Texas — re-registered to vote in Wyoming just before Bush announced that he was selecting Cheney to be his vice-presidential running mate. Cheney had not lived in Wyoming for several years.





**Time and time again:** Democratic candidate Samuel Tilden won the popular vote in 1876, but lost 185-184 in the Electoral College to the Republican candidate, Rutherford Hayes. It would be the last time a popular vote winner would fail to win the Electoral College until Democrat Al Gore was edged out by Republican George Bush in 2000.

president on separate ballots, this provision was retained. Sadly, the spirit of this provision was brazenly circumvented in 2000 when Dick Cheney was the running mate of Texas governor George W. Bush. Cheney had been living in Texas for several years, while the CEO of Halliburton, but once it was decided that Chenev was to be Bush's running mate, he went to Wyoming (where he had served as a member of the House of Representatives) and changed his voter registration from Texas to Wyoming. An indication of how little the Constitution is regarded, perhaps, is that very little was made of this, even by the Democrats.

#### How the Electoral College Evolved in Practice

Many conservatives today lament that the Electoral College has not operated as envisioned by the delegates, and that is somewhat true. The Founders expected that the electors would consist of enlightened individuals who would dispassionately cast their votes for the man they considered the best person in the entire country to serve as president. But very early on, the rise of political parties — not provided for in the Constitution itself — and the fact that the state legislatures determine how the electors are chosen — which is in the Constitution — contrib-

Should local popularity drive the presidential election? After the Civil War and the Reconstruction period, Southern states almost always voted for Democratic candidates for president. In 1888, Democratic President Grover Cleveland ran up huge majorities in these states, enabling him to win the popular vote. However, he lost in the Electoral College, illustrating one of its virtues: A candidate cannot win the White House by running up huge popular vote totals in one region of the country, or just appealing to large population centers. Instead, the candidate must appeal to a broad coalition of states.

uted to a modification of the Founders' ideal.

The first presidential election provided little drama, as it was well understood that George Washington would be elected as our nation's first president. The original method provided that each elector was to vote for *two* individuals, not just one, with the logic that the runner-up was the second-best candidate and should therefore be vice president. Every elector included Washington on his ballot, while John Adams finished second.

But even in that first election, a potential problem with the appointment of electors by state legislatures was revealed. New York State, with its bicameral legislature, deadlocked, and ultimately failed to name any electors. In 1792, nine of the 15 state legislatures chose the electors, and in 1800, 10 of 16 did so. And by 1812, only half of the legislatures were directly selecting the electors. Instead, states were conducting popular elections for electors, and by 1824, only six of 24 state legislatures were choosing their state's electors. In 1828, only South Carolina and Delaware continued to choose their electors by a legislative vote. South Carolina, in 1868, was the last state to resort to popular vote in choosing electors. One would have to assume that legislators, who did have to face the voters in a direct popular election, concluded this was the will of the voters in their state and considered it politically prudent.

There continued to be some sporadic legislative appointments, however. When the popular vote produced no majority vote winner in Massachusetts in 1848 (as the law required), the legislature awarded all of its electoral votes to the Whigs, who had won

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a plurality of the votes. In 1864, Republicans, fearful that their candidate, President Abraham Lincoln, could lose the election, rushed Nevada into statehood. But it was too late to hold a popular vote for president, necessitating that the state's legislature simply name the state's electors. When Florida was declared "reconstructed" in 1868, its legislature named the electors, as it was also too late to hold an election. Colorado, admitted very late in the presidential election year of 1876, also cited time problems in holding a popular election, causing that state's legislature to name its electors.

Although all states now use the popular vote to determine their electors, the Constitution has not changed. A state legislature could still amend its state's laws, and just take over the naming of its electors. Whether that could legally be done after a popular vote has already been held under a law providing for a popular vote

election to determine the state's allocation of electors is a question that would probably wind up in court.

There was some discussion in Florida in 2000 by that state's legislature — controlled by the Republican Party — about naming a Republican slate of electors, when it appeared that the state might miss the federal deadline for choosing electors due to the legal issues between the two presidential campaigns.

#### **Modification of the Electoral College**

Hamilton and Madison both were opposed to the early tendency of states to award *all* of their state's electoral votes to the candidate who carried the popular vote in their state. They wanted electors to be chosen by congressional districts, except for the two who would represent the state as a whole. Moreover, Hamilton argued that the electors should be free to

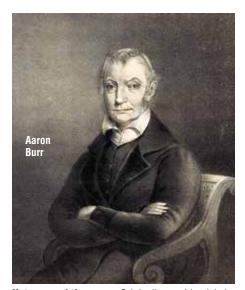
choose whom to nominate as president, and not be bound by a popular vote, and that electors not be required to adhere to a "winner-take-all" format. These two Founders even advocated an amendment to the Constitution to make sure that electors were chosen by congressional district. Hamilton was working on this effort when his life was cut short in the duel with Aaron Burr.

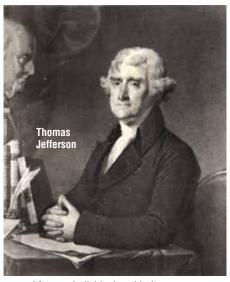
Perhaps the principal reason the Founders' plans weren't followed — with electors dispassionately picking the "best man for the job" — was the rise of political parties. Although political parties were not mentioned in the Constitution, and the Founders were uniformly opposed to their creation, differences over the respective power of the states and the newly created federal government inevitably led to their rise. While Hamilton is generally identified with the rise of the Federalist Party, Thomas Jefferson is regarded as the father of what he called the Republican Party (not to be confused with today's Republican Party, which was created in 1854).

Because the Constitution required that the top vote-getter in the Electoral College become president, and the person who finished second become vice president, political parties soon realized that they needed electors to vote for the same two people, so as not to divide their vote and possibly allow the other party to win. Unfortunately, Jefferson's Republican electors were so well disciplined that they uniformly voted for both Jefferson and his "running mate," Aaron Burr, creating a tie.

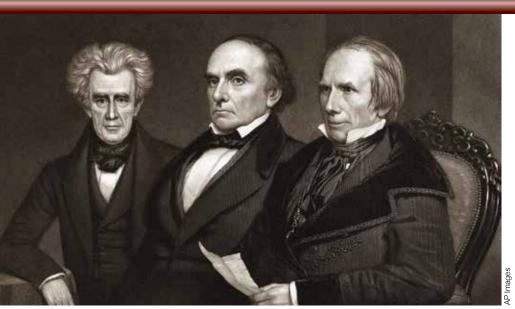
In 1800, Burr refused to step aside for Jefferson. A contingent election in the House of Representatives, however, is not decided by the majority vote of every member of the House, but instead by each state's House delegation, which has one vote for the entire delegation. Today, this would mean that the Republicans would win, because though the Democrats have a narrow majority in the House, the Republicans have a majority of state delegations. In 1800, the lame-duck Federalists still controlled the House. They had lost their majority in the 1800 election, but their terms were not yet up. This created the odd situation where the opposing party (the Federalists) would decide between the two Republicans, Jefferson and Burr.

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**Not one and the same:** Originally presidential electors voted for two individuals, with the top votegetter becoming president, and the second-place finisher taking the vice presidency. That was changed by the 12th Amendment following the 1800 presidential election, in which Thomas Jefferson and his "running mate," Aaron Burr (pictured here), tied. Burr refused to defer to Jefferson, and the election was thrown into the House of Representatives. To avoid a repeat, electors are now required to vote for one person for president, then cast a second ballot for vice president.



**No constitutional crisis if the House picks the president:** Andrew Jackson (on the left) ran first in the 1824 election, in both the popular vote and the Electoral College, although he failed to gain a majority in either. House Speaker Henry Clay (on the right) announced his support for John Quincy Adams over Jackson, and the House followed their leader in picking Adams. This was the last time that an American president was selected by the House of Representatives.

With the support of Hamilton, Jefferson prevailed, but this led directly to the 12th Amendment, and indirectly to a provision in the 20th Amendment. The 12th Amendment required that electors now vote for one candidate for president, and then vote for another person for vice president, so as to avoid what had happened in the 1800 election. The 20th Amendment placed the beginning of the term of the new Congress to an earlier time, so that the lame-duck House would not be choosing the president were no candidate to have won the Electoral College, but rather the newly elected House, chosen in November.

The 12th Amendment was the last direct change to the Electoral College system created by our Founders, except for the 1961 amendment (the 23rd) that gave the District of Columbia three electoral votes, as though it were a state.

Today, some mistakenly warn that a tie in the Electoral College vote, or in the unlikely event that no candidate receives a majority of the vote, would create a "constitutional crisis"; this is not true. The Constitution explicitly provides that were this to happen, the president would be picked by the House of Representatives. If something is provided for in the Constitution, then clearly it cannot be a "constitutional crisis."

## Historical Worth of the Electoral College

The only other time that the Electoral College failed to elect a president was in 1824. At that time, the Republican Party that Jefferson had created was so dominant that the Federalist Party had largely ceased to exist. Not surprisingly, many former Federalists were now supposedly Republicans. When the party needed for all of its electors to vote uniformly (as in 1800), it was considered necessary for the party to name one candidate. But, with just one political party, the method of the party's congressional leaders selecting that one candidate had created something the Founders had sought to avoid: Congress was essentially choosing the president. So, in 1824, other candidates in addition to the congressional caucus' choice, all claiming to be Republicans, rejected the congressional caucus selection (or as they called it, "king caucus"), and ran for president anyway, all as Republicans. Andrew Jackson ran first in the Electoral College, but with four candidates running, he fell far short of a majority, throwing the election into the House of Representatives. The House then chose John Quincy Adams over Jackson, and this eventually led to a split in Jefferson's original Republican Party. The Jacksonians became the Democratic-Republicans (and

eventually, the Democrats), while those who supported Adams and Henry Clay eventually emerged as the National Republicans, and finally the Whig Party. In effect, the rules of the Electoral College had ended the domination of the Congress over presidential selection.

But history demonstrates other instances in which the Electoral College has proved its worth.

Supporters of the Electoral College rightly point to its ability to discourage regionalism. Trent England points out in his book Why We Must Defend the Electoral College that the Electoral College rewards candidates who are able to win broader support across the country. For example, Democrat Grover Cleveland won the popular vote in 1888, but lost the electoral vote, because although he won by huge margins in the Solid South, he failed to carry enough states beyond that regional base to win enough electoral votes. Although he had won the popular vote by a little under 100,000 votes, he had carried one state — Texas — by nearly 150,000 votes. He also won six other Southern states by more than 30 percent. Today, the Democrats can count on similarly huge margins in highly populated California (principally Los Angeles and San Francisco), but no matter how much of a margin they win by there, they get no additional electoral votes. Thus running up huge margins in certain cities or regions, but not winning over a broad area of the country, is not rewarded with more electoral votes.

Indeed, as Hamilton put it, the Electoral College is not without its faults, as is the case with all human creations, but it is clearly "excellent." Writing in *The Constitution: An Introduction*, Michael and Luke Paulsen sum up what the Founders achieved with their Electoral College: "They finally agreed to a somewhat complicated arrangement that was designed to include the states (reflecting the value of federalism), to *exclude* Congress to the maximum extent possible (maintaining the separation of powers), and to avoid cabals — conspiracies or secret deals — that would threaten republican government."

All in all, the Electoral College is quite an achievement, and any efforts to subvert this great achievement should be strenuously opposed.



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# Supreme Court Might Rule on the Second Amendment

The Washington Times reported on November 26 that the recent appointment of Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court has pro-gun groups optimistic about the future. Alan Gottlieb is the founder of the Second Amendment Foundation, and his organization is already preparing plaintiffs for future lawsuits. The court has declined to take up Second Amendment cases in recent years, but activists such as Gottlieb believe that Barrett's appointment will result in the court getting involved in a case and potentially making a groundbreaking ruling. Gottlieb explained to the Washington Times that having Justice Barrett "on the court, we think we really have six progun votes and while Roberts has obviously been reluctant to hear a case, now I don't think he has much of a choice.... I think the court's going to hear a case."

Gottlieb already has filed suits, along with the Firearm Policy Coalition, in multiple states, with the long-term goal of taking their cases to the Supreme Court. This mad rush to get cases filed is based on the idea of being prepared to sue to challenge any anti-gun executive orders issued by Biden. Biden has already made it known that he plans to ban AR-15s and implement other types of excessive gun-control measures.

Professor Josh Blackman from the South Texas College of Law Houston told the *Washington Times* that it's only a matter of time before the court gets involved and makes a major ruling: "I think Justice Barrett would push the court to take one of these cases.... [Justice] Roberts can't be a wuss any more — he's going to have to go along." Blackman added that it could take years before a case makes its way up to the highest court, but it will happen.

It's not just pro-gun groups who believe the court is going to move in this direction. Anti-gun Connecticut Senator Richard Blumenthal was quoted by the *Washington Times* as saying that with "Amy Coney Barrett's nomination, every single gun-violence-prevention measure at every level of government is in grave peril because she will join others on that court who believe with her in this radical

agenda of striking down those measures." While this is obviously Blumenthal being overdramatic to rile up his leftist base, Second Amendment supporters can hope it becomes a reality!

### "Pull a Gun on Somebody, Expect to Get Shot"

WPVI reported out of Philadelphia on November 30, 2020 about an attempted robbery that ended almost as quickly as it began. The incident unfolded in Northeast Philadelphia when a chicken-wing takeout restaurant was targeted by a burglar. Police detectives are still piecing together the details, but they say a 53-year-old armed suspect barged into the restaurant and yelled to the three employees that he was robbing the restaurant. Philadelphia Police Department Chief Inspector Scott Small told WPVI that the suspect "walked in, went behind the counter, announced a robbery and asked for all the money." Before the employees could even respond to the burglar, a customer came walking into the restaurant while talking on his cellphone, completely unaware that the place was getting robbed. The robber quickly turned his attention from the employees to the customer, pointed his gun at the customer, and ordered him to hand over his cellphone. Instead of complying, the customer pulled out his own handgun and fired it at the suspect, mortally wounding the man by shooting him in the neck. A call went out to 911, and authorities soon arrived, but the suspect was dead.

The armed customer was lawfully licensed to carry his firearm and cooperated with the police. Department Chief Inspector Small told WPVI that police have the customer's gun and "we know that's [sic] just one shot was fired from that customer because we found one spent shell casing on the floor on the customer side of the counter."

The story quickly gained attention in the area, and members of the community praised the fast-acting customer for stopping the criminal dead in his tracks. Marius Maiellano told WPVI that the "guy that was robbing the place deserved what he got, in my opinion.... Pull a gun on somebody, expect to get shot."

## Ohioans Seek to End the "Duty to Retreat"

The Cincinnati Enquirer reported on December 8 about Republicans in the State Senate seeking to amend Ohio self-defense laws to eliminate the requirement for a person to retreat before shooting in self-defense. Senate Bill 383 is directed toward using force in self-defense or the defense of another person or defense of certain property. The proposed legislation would strengthen the right to self-defense. No longer would a person using deadly force in self-defense first be required to try to escape the threat before using deadly force. Supporters of armed self-defense have successfully gotten 27 other states to eliminate the duty to retreat before firing a gun in self-defense. These legal changes have popularly been referred to as "stand your ground" laws.

Dean Rieck, the executive director of the Buckeye Firearms Association, told senators, "I have this right in my home. I have this right in my vehicle. But for some reason, Ohio removes this right in all other locations."

Other gun-rights proponents testified about how this change is needed. Judi Phelps, owner of On Guard Defense in southeastern Ohio, told senators that there "is no time or opportunity to escape when evil is bearing down on us." There is a similar bill being reviewed in the Ohio House of Representatives, which is also under Republican control. Republican lawmakers in the state senate already passed two laws that were supportive of the Second Amendment, but neither law has yet passed in the House. If pro-Second Amendment grassroots activists keep up the pressure, there might be enough votes to get these bills before the governor. The governor, Mike DeWine, is also a Republican, but he previously advocated for gun control after a high-profile shooting in his state, so he could always disappoint and veto the bills.

— PATRICK KREY



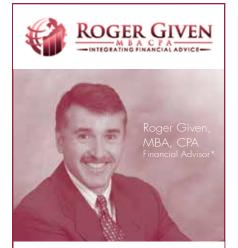
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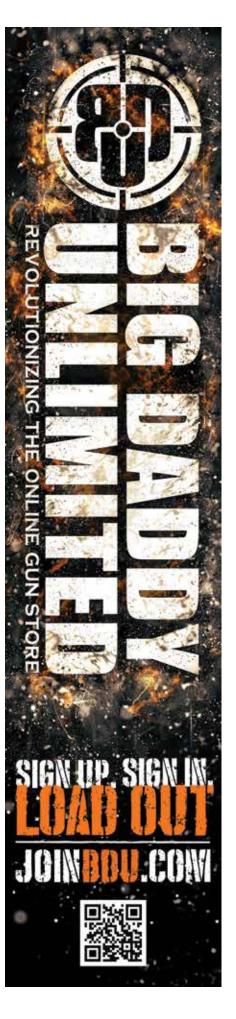


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#### Biden Dreams of Mass Amnesty, "America Last" Immigration Agenda

ITEM: In his first television interview after the presidential election, Joe Biden told NBC News' Lester Holt on November 24 that he was making a "commitment" for his "first 100 days" in office. "I will send an immigration bill to the United States Senate with a pathway to citizenship for over 11 million undocumented people in America."

ITEM: "There will not be another foot of wall constructed on my administration, No. 1," Biden told NPR's Lulu Garcia-Navarro during an interview with journalists from the National Association of Black Journalists and National Association of Hispanic Journalists, reported NPR on August 5.

ITEM: "After Mr. Biden is sworn-in in January, his administration will move to fully restore an Obama-era program that shields 640,000 undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children from deportation, halting Mr. Trump's unsuccessful efforts to end it, people familiar with the plans told CBS News." The Biden administration, CBS News reported on November 11, "also intends to rescind Mr. Trump's travel and immigration restrictions on 13 countries, most of which are African or predominantly Muslim. Mr. Biden will look to implement a 100-day freeze on deportations while his administration issues guidance narrowing who can be arrested by immigration agents."

ITEM: The Washington Post for December 2 summarizes: "The Biden campaign's immigration proposals are loaded with the wish-list items of immigration advocates and Democratic activists. The president-elect has pledged to renew and expand Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) protections, raise the refugee limit sevenfold, to 125,000 per year, and immediately end construction of Trump's \$15 billion border wall. Biden also has promised to overhaul the country's asylum system and once again make violent and serious offenders the priority



**Flood the country:** Presumptive President-elect Joe Biden's campaign pledges on immigration say that he only plans to evict dangerous criminals from the country, thereby inviting in by lack of enforcement tens of millions of illegal immigrants, most of whom are poor and will need welfare.

for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

ITEM: The Biden-Harris campaign website ("Battle for the Soul of the Nation") blasted the incumbent U.S. president, saying in its "immigration" section that Donald Trump "has waged an unrelenting assault on our values and our history as a nation of immigrants. It's wrong, and it stops when Joe Biden is elected president."

CORRECTION: Perhaps you have heard Joe Biden doubling down on his persistent calls for unity and national healing. Indeed, in what was billed as his first speech as president-elect, he implored all of us to "put away the harsh rhetoric," "give each other a chance," and end what he termed "this grim era of demonization in America."

Do you buy that? C'mon man!

You might be a tad dubious if you opened the vicious section of the official Biden campaign statement on "immigration." There, within just a few paragraphs, he smears Trump's policies as "cruel and senseless," "detrimental," mismanaged to "fuel violence and chaos at the border," "counter to our values as Americans," and basically "un-American."

On the other hand, true-blue Biden swears that he stands for immigration policies that "safeguard our security, provide a fair and just system that helps to grow and enhance our economy, and secure our cherished values."

Those willing to take that bait would probably swallow the fatuous claim that a pandemic can be cured through economic lockdowns and open borders.

Saying and doing are different things. Joe may pledge not to build another foot of border wall, because it is the sort of thing done by that evil Orange Man, but that does not account for the costs of halting construction — such as an estimated \$420 million for a single contract in Arizona in potential termination fees. (That must be true because it was in the establishment *New York Times*, albeit at the tail end of a piece.)

Even the leftist *Washington Post*, deep in a recent article, felt obliged to speak to an analyst from the Migration Policy Institute, who observed that a moratorium of all wall construction would be quite unusual. "A future Biden administration would still likely need to dedicate some funds to barrier maintenance, but if he really doesn't construct another foot of wall, that would be a break from the past five administrations," Jessica Bolter told the paper. "New border walls and barriers have been constructed under every president since at least President George H.W. Bush."

Joe says no, though.

Honest observers not necessarily in



either the Biden or Trump camps admit that Biden's promised policies are likely to trigger a flood of "economic" migrants without realistic asylum claims.

First, some definitions are in order. Here are some of the terms often used when discussing illegal aliens. A Heritage Foundation report has summarized several of the programs involved, paraphrased below, including the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA), which was established lawlessly by President Obama:

- DACA recipients are those who applied for and received DACA benefits from the Department of Homeland Security; they number approximately 825,000 people.
- "Dreamers" are a broad label for anyone who came to the U.S. illegally by up to age 18 on the date a Dreamer bill would be enacted. This "Dreamer" population is estimated to be at least 3.6 million.

The population of illegal-alien parents in the Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA) program is also estimated to number about 3.6 million. This means that half of all illegal aliens (11 million) living in

the U.S. could receive amnesty via DACA or DAPA.

Nonetheless, widespread amnesty for illegal aliens — if not that name — still seems to be on the Biden agenda. Legalizing the "Dreamers" is said to be somewhat popular with the electorate. That is, if you believe the polls. However, Members of Congress don't seem willing to risk their seats with votes to do this legally.

This legal action could not even pass during the Obama-Biden administration. Irwin Steltzer, a Hudson Institute senior fellow, recalled in 2017 that was the case when the Democrats controlled the White House as well as both houses of Congress.

Since the Biden folks have not been forthcoming about plan details, critics wonder if a new amnesty might involve more than 11 million illegals. The Department of Homeland Security, at least the pre-Biden version of DHS, has been worried about what might take place following another amnesty. As noted in a recent report by the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS),

DHS's most recent Homeland Threat Assessment predicts a massive wave of illegal migration in 2021. Whether that occurs (and whether the media reports on the effects of such a crisis) would likely determine whether the Biden administration attempts to turn down the magnet that a massive amnesty would create.

Under a Biden administration, DHS personnel would have different marching orders. Homeland Security components include, among others, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

The former vice president has already tapped Alejandro Mayorkas to run DHS; the presumptive nominee previously worked there in the Obama administration. As the AP has noted, the Havana-born Mayorkas was "a primary architect of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program and a primary negotiator of the thaw in thenfrozen U.S.-Cuban relations." Hearings could be interesting. Senator Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) has accused Mayorkas of "selling citizenship to well-connected Chinese nationals on behalf of Democratic Party donors" during an earlier tenure at the department. And a DHS inspector general report in 2015 found that Mayorkas "exerted improper influence" in assisting companies with obtaining employment visas, according to the Associated Press.

Is this disqualifying? We shall see. The Deep State tends to protect its own.

The Biden campaign pledged to "reassert America's commitment to asylumseekers," but that can mean different things for different observers — especially for illegals seeking to extend their stays. As a Heritage Foundation report observed in late October:

The asylum process has become a major loophole in the immigration system. Recognizing that the immigration courts are overburdened and an asylum claim triggers a lengthy legal process, illegal immigrants often falsely claim eligibility for asylum as a tactic to extend their stay in the country. From 2008 to 2017, asylum claims exploded by almost



A line in the sand: Under a Biden administration, there wouldn't be any more border fence built, making it easier for illegal immigrants to enter the country and claim asylum, whether they need asylum or not.

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**An empty suit?** Joe Biden has indicated that his preferred pick to run the Department of Homeland Security is Alejandro Mayorkas (shown), who is most famous for being credibly accused of selling citizenship to Chinese nationals and flaunting U.S. immigration laws.

1,700%. Ultimately, about 90% of these claims were rejected as invalid or fraudulent.

Meanwhile, Biden wants to undo in 100 days — in terms of immigration policies — virtually everything that Trump was able to do in four years, against left-wing opposition. Overall reversing would be more difficult in a divided Congress. And while executive actions can be effective in relatively short order, it takes longer to change regulations.

If you suppose that the pandemic will thwart a Biden administration and its "progressive" allies from overturning Trump's moves to protect our borders, you are likely to be disappointed.

The Trump administration, as the editors of "Issues and Insights" (I & I) noted on November 20, has been using the

health and welfare provisions of Title 42 of the U.S. Code to immediately expel these border crossers, rather than let them hang around in detention centers and then be released into the U.S. This, the administration says, is "in the interest of public health." Data from the Customs and Border Protection agency show that it sent back nearly 58,000 border jumpers

in September alone. Given the surge in coronavirus cases in Mexico and other Latin American countries, this policy is no doubt helping control the spread.

Yet instead of endorsing this public health campaign, or promising to beef it up, Biden appears willing to scrap it altogether. The Biden-Bernie Sanders "unity" document, for example, promises that Biden will "take urgent action to undo the Trump administration's unilateral executive orders on immigration, including abuses implemented during the pandemic."

Biden's spokesmen have only been willing to say that, when in office, the new chief executive "will direct the CDC [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention] to review the expulsions policy."

That's not particularly reassuring. "Instead of expelling illegals to protect U.S. neighbors and families," continued the I & I editorial board, "the Biden-Sanders priority is to make sure that 'health coverage is available to everyone for testing, treatment, medical services, rehabilitation, and that vaccines are available free of charge, regardless of immigration or economic status.""

Elections have ramifications. In the

runup to November, there was relatively little attention paid by the mainstream media to border security and other immigration issues — probably because the electorate was more on Trump's side than Biden's.

As the election loomed, Mark Krikorian, executive director at the Center for Immigration Studies, said Trump had the strictest immigration policy of any major-party nominee in modern political history, and "clearly Biden has the most permissive."

Speaking of Biden, Krikorian told the *Washington Times* that the issue was not "just legalizing all the illegal immigrants, which obviously you'd need Congress to do. Bush and Obama tried the same thing. But he's also proposed to stop all deportations for 100 days, which would include hardened criminals."

A senator for 36 years before becoming vice president, Biden likes to boast about his alleged foreign-policy expertise. In his dreams. Why is he so eager to throw away Trump's foreign-policy victories in Central America that proved so beneficial to U.S. security? To a large degree, the swell of migrants receded because of the agreements the Trump administration made with Central American governments.

It seems, unfortunately, that the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) was on target when a FAIR spokesman observed that the "Biden-Harris administration is determined to implement an 'America Last' immigration agenda despite having no mandate to do so."

If Biden's campaign positions are imposed, commented the spokesman in a late November article in *The Hill*, it will "spark the largest and most sustained surge of migrants pouring across our borders. Among other steps, the president-elect has said he intends to cancel agreements with Mexico and Central American governments under which they halted large, organized migrant caravans that were headed for the U.S. border."

Welcome to the flu world order, where invitations are being prepared for new caravans of aliens.

— William P. Hoar

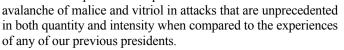
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## OK, Hate Trump ... but Stop the Steal

lot of people hate President Donald Trump. Intensely. Insanely. Especially the coalition of ruling elites and wannabe ruling elites from Big Government, Big Business, Big Media, Big Social Media, Big Academia, Big Labor, Big Foundations, Big Entertainment, and Big Tech. From Wall Street to Hollywood and from the D.C. Beltway to Silicon Valley, this coalition of haters has been doing everything within its collective power to overthrow the results of the 2016 election. They have subjected President Trump to a nonstop



While denouncing Trump and his supporters for spreading "conspiracy theories," they held America hostage and crippled the new administration for four years by relentlessly pushing their baseless Trump-Russia conspiracy theory. They did this in spite of the failure of congressional investigations and the combined witch hunts of Special Counsel Robert Mueller and the Hate-Trump media to find any evidence to substantiate the ludicrous charges. And this in spite of the fact that they knew early on that the whole Trump-Russia conspiracy theory had been concocted by Hillary Clinton and her Deep State allies — in collusion with Russia! Incredibly, they even continue to play the Trump-Russia card, as we've seen in the case of Hunter Biden's laptop. Prior to the 2020 election, the censors of Big Media and TwitFaceGoogYou completely spiked the story, claiming it is Russian disinformation. Thus was Joe Biden saved again from having to deal with public exposure of the Biden family crime syndicate prior to the election.

In addition, we've had the phony impeachment travesty; the trumped-up sex scandals; sabotage by the Obama "Resistance" inside the bureaucracy; a steady stream of felonious (and treasonous) leaks by Deep State operatives in the Intelligence Community to their co-conspirators in the media; devastating, opposition-financed riots that torched our cities and whipped up racial hatred and turmoil; and finally, the Chinese Communist Party's COVID virus that not only has wiped out much of the phenomenal economic rebound brought about by Trump, but is also radically transforming our society into a carbon copy of the Orwellian Beijing dictatorship.

Why do they hate him so? They say it is because he is not only "unpresidential," he is also evil incarnate: a brutish, boorish, bigoted, crass, greedy, narcissistic, corrupt, misogynistic, nationalist, fascist, racist, xenophobic, white supremacist. Oh, and (they say)



he's also immature, ignorant, and incompetent to boot. Yet this incompetent "racist, xenophobic, white supremacist" has managed, under the most trying of circumstances, to do what none of his Democratic or Republican predecessors had done: create a rising economic tide that lifts all boats, including producing historic record lows of unemployment among blacks, Latinos, Asians, and women. He also attracted record numbers of black, Latino, and Asian voters and candidates to his banner and to the Republican Party, confounding and defy-

ing his enemies who had gone to such absurd lengths to vilify him in the eyes of those voter cohorts. Trump's 2020 Republican National Convention speaker schedule was a super-diversity lineup of rainbow ethnicity, leaving his antagonists to fume and sputter because he was destroying their race-baiting campaign.

They hate him because he has managed to build a populist base that threatens their elitist schemes. They hate him because he is the first U.S. president — Republican or Democrat — in the past century to "go off the reservation," to not just deviate from the Globalist Party line, but to take it on in a frontal assault. At the United Nations, UNESCO, the World Health Organization, the World Economic Forum, and elsewhere, he has boldly defended national sovereignty against "global governance" — and not just with rhetoric, but with deeds. They hate him because he has made enormous inroads in dismantling the socialist federal administrative state, ridding us of thousands of regulations and saving us hundreds of billions of dollars. They hate him because he is solidly pro-life and they are unshakably pro-death. They hate him because he has taken on China — and the Big Business globalists who have profited hugely from building that regime into a threatening global power. But most of all, they hate him because he is turning over their applecart by booting out the Deep State's operatives, particularly members of the Council on Foreign Relations, who have had a stranglehold on the top slots at Treasury, Defense, State, the CIA, the National Security Council, and other Cabinet posts since World War II. They hate him because he has succeeded in replacing many of their left-wing judges with jurists more in line with our Constitution. If President Trump is not removed (one way or another), he could upend the schemes the globalists have labored for a century to build.

Granted, President Trump's *personality* does not suit everyone. OK, hate him if you must, but don't let the anti-Trump globalists use hate to steal the election. ■



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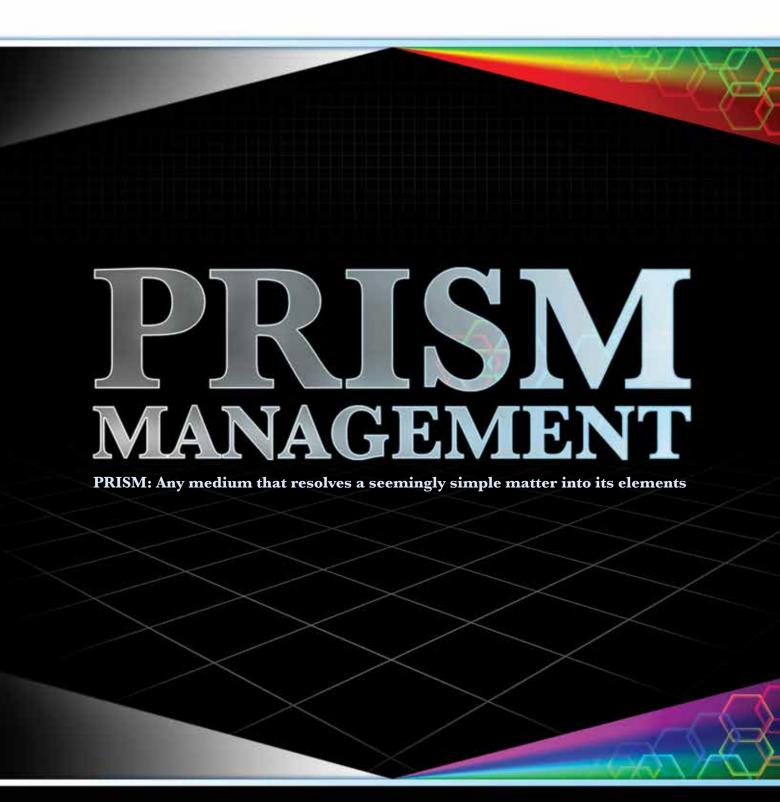
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